

JULY 1986

News and Notes from the
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TOP 20 TITHES

(Received by 10 June 1986)

1. MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$ 1,933.30
2. MCC of the Resurrection..Houston, TX	\$ 1,388.64
3. MCC San Diego.....San Diego, CA	\$ 1,208.10
4. MCC Washington D.C....Washington, DC	1,068.52
5. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1,025.13
6. MCC Gtr. St.Louis.....St. Louis, MO	948.50
7. Ch.of Holy Spirit MCC.Ft.Ldrdale, FL	789.80
8. MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	762.67
9. All God's Children MCC.....Mpls., MN	760.17
10. MCC New York.....New York, NY	720.21
11. MCC Gtr. Kansas Cty..Kansas Cty., MO	572.47
12. Agape MCC.....Ft. Worth, TX	569.22
13. MCC of the Pomona Valley..Pomona, CA	547.70
14. MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio, TX	545.64
15. MCC San Francisco..San Francisco, CA	522.53
16. King of Peace MCC...St.Ptrsburg., FL	520.96
17. St. Lukes MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	517.77
18. MCC of Disciples.....Washington, DC	514.60
19. MCC Portland.....Portland, OR	493.80
20. MCC Baltimore.....Baltimore, MD	450.13

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1. MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	\$ 68.71
2. Good Samaritan MCC.....Whittier, CA	32.42
3. MCC Gentle Shepherd.....Vancouver, WA	24.71
4. MCC of the Spirit.....Harrisburg, PA	24.31
5. Open Arms MCC.....Rochester, NY	23.07
6. MCC of Northern Virginia...Oakton, VA	22.95
7. Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	22.49
8. MCC Galveston Island....Galveston, TX	20.63
9. MCC Brooklyn.....Brooklyn, NY	20.18
10. MCC Baltimore.....Baltimore, MD	19.83
11. MCC Hartford.....Hartford, CT	19.19
12. MCC of the Disciples...Washington, DC	18.92
13. MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	18.81
14. Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	18.78
15. Whitewater Valley MCC....Richmond, IN	18.48
16. MCC New York.....New York, NY	18.33
17. Oasis MCCTempe, AZ	18.02
18. All Saints MCC.....Atlanta, GA	17.97
19. MCC Midland/Odessa.....Odessa, TX	17.85
20. New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove, CA	17.05

PRAISES

***Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry was recently honored by two cities--Key West, Florida and West Hollywood, California with proclamations for his pioneering work in the Gay and Lesbian Communities.

***Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull of MCC Baltimore was awarded the "Community Pride Award" by the Baltimore Gay and Lesbian Community.

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Dennis Jones, the father of J.T. Atkinson, died May 11, 1986. He had been in critical care for approximately five weeks. Please keep his family in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***MCC Long Beach has a weekly 1-hour radio program--KFOX Redondo Beach. Send records or tapes for use to Rev. Dusty Pruitt at MCC Long Beach, 1231 Locust, Long Beach, CA 90813.

***San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church would like to introduce to you the Rev. Jim Mitulski. Jim began in early May when he and Bob Crocker moved here from New York City. Jim had previously been the associate pastor of MCC New York. A Service of Installation is planned for Saturday, July 12th at 5:00 p.m. at MCC San Francisco. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Steve Carson, pastor of MCC Boston.

HOMOPHOBIA/HETEROSEXISM RESOURCE

Dr. Jeffrey Pulling, editor of SOTER, recommends to MCC'ers a manual published by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. called Breaking the Silence, Overcoming the Fear: Homophobia Education. The contents are divided into three sections: Clarifying the Problem, Biblical-Theological Perspectives, and Models for Homophobia Education. Included are articles by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, George Edwards, Chris Glaser, Jane Spahr, and Peggy Way.

This manual would be especially useful to MCC clergy and laity who do speaking engagements with mainline churches, ecumenical forums, and college classes.

Cost is \$3.50 U.S. Order from The Program Agency, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Room 1101, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115, U.S.A.

PERIODICAL INFORMATION NEEDED

+++An upcoming issue of Salt of the Earth Resources will feature periodicals helpful for keeping one informed and equipped for Christian ministry today. UFMCC clergy, lay leaders, deacons, and student clergy are asked to send to the SOTER editor (Jeffrey Pulling, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107, U.S.A.) suggestions for this issue of magazines, journals, and newsletters they find personally helpful. Periodicals from countries other than the U.S. are especially needed. Please include address of the periodical, its subscription cost, and a brief description of it.

MEETINGS

++Board of Elders Meeting -- July 8-13, 1986 in the Los Angeles area.

++CCCC Meeting -- Because of the move of the CCCC Office the summer meeting, July 15-22, will be in Los Angeles at the Holiday Inn.

++UFMCC International aids Vigil of Prayer -- 5-7 September 1986.

++FFO Meeting -- 13-17 August 1986 at MCC Dallas, Texas.

NEW ADDRESS

Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee (CCCC) has a new permanent office:

C.C.C.C.
5300 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 324
Los Angeles, CA 90029
Telephone: (213) 459-7894

Rev. Claudia Vierra's (the Chair of CCCC) office hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

JULY PICNIC

The Los Angeles Women's Prison Ministry will be sponsoring an old fashioned 'Box Lunch' Auction and all day picnic. All the Southern California churches and groups have been invited. The admission fee is one box lunch to be auctioned off by our professional autioneer, the Rev. Jack Mossman.

The funds will be used to continue the work and ministry of LAWPM. Also, we will be concentrating a lot of efforts on setting up our Transition House for lesbian ex-offenders.

What a great way to raise funds, have fun and get together in a very relaxed atmosphere. You may want to use this idea in your churches and districts. We'll let you know how successful it is.

CLERGY CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1986

The theme for this years Clergy Conference is "Fully Alive." The Conference dates are September 15-18, 1986 (at Marcy Center, Burlingame, CA--fly to the San Francisco airport). Registration rates are \$165.00 (includes room food and registration). Brochures will be sent out by July 1, 1986.

JOURNEY

The new Journey will be coming to you sometime in July--be looking for it. Here is an easy, convenient order form for those who have not yet subscribed....

AIDS MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The position of "Aids Ministry Coordinator for UFMCC will be open later this year. The coordinator will serve as the Executive Officer for aids ministry for UFMCC. For specific information please write to Rev. Troy D. Perry, c/o UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 20029.

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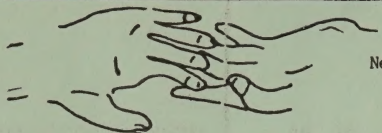
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1. MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$ 1,901.84
2. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1,051.19
3. MCC Washington D.C....Washington, DC	874.97
4. MCC Gtr. St.Louis.....St. Louis, MO	848.44
5. MCC in the Valley..No. Hollywood, CA	837.45
6. MCC San Francisco..San Francisco, CA	774.44
7. Ch.of Holy Spirit MCC..Ft.Ldrdale, FL	733.12
8. All God's Children MCC.....Mpls., MN	696.03
9. MCC Gtr. Kansas Cty..Kansas Cty., MO	683.55
10. King of Peace MCC...St.Ptrsburg., FL	580.57
11. Agape MCC.....Ft. Worth, TX	570.54
12. St. Lukes MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	530.10
13. MCC Detroit.....Birmingham, MI	518.76
14. MCC Portland.....Portland, OR	482.08
15. River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	481.32
16. MCC of the Pomona Valley..Pomona, CA	463.05
17. MCC of Disciples.....Washington, DC	433.08
18. New Life MCC of th Tdwtr.Norfolk, VA	408.94
19. MCC of th Plm Beaches.Palm Beach, FL	394.35
20. Casa De Cristo Evnglcl MCC.Phnix, AZ	385.29

APRIL**TOP 20 PER CAPITA**

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1. MCC of Redwoods.....Mill Valley, CA	\$ 42.56
2. Good Samaritan MCC.....Whittier, CA	30.00
3. Oasis MCCTempe, AZ	24.48
4. MCC Galveston Island....Galveston, TX	21.34
5. Good Shepherd MCC.....Riverside, CA	21.34
6. Open Arms MCC.....Rochester, NY	21.21
7. Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	17.73
8. MCC Midland/Odessa.....Odessa, TX	17.17
9. MCC Ottawa ECM....Ottawa, Ont., CANADA	16.20
10. MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	16.00
10. Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	16.00
11. Vision of Hope MCC.....Lancaster, PA	15.86
12. MCC Washington D.C.....Washington, DC	15.58
13. MCC No. Virginia.....Oakton, VA	15.27
14. MCC Brooklyn.....Brooklyn, NY	15.25
15. MCC San Francisco....San Francisco, CA	14.70
16. MCC of the Spirit.....Harrisburg, PA	14.67
17. MCC of the Harvest.....Bakersfield, CA	14.52
18. MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA	14.02
19. New Life MCC of Oakland....Oakland, CA	13.95
20. Christ MCC.....Miami, FL	13.87

PRAISES

***MCC ministry in London, Ontario, Canada is expanding through the formation of a house community by Harvey Anderson, Diana Bowman, Clarence Crossman and Colleen Darraugh. The house, which has an office, counseling/quiet room, large meeting room and much living space inside and out, is exactly what people had been creatively visualizing. The four are making the house available for the ministry of Holy Fellowship MCC as well as ecumenical and gay/lesbian outreach. Shared ministry and celebration have already begun in the middle of cleaning, moving and painting. Their new address is 544 Riverside Drive, London, Ontario, Canada, N6H 2S4 (519-473-3909).

***For all the newly licenced clergy!

***For the three recent graduates from Samaritan-- Rev. Ro Halford, Rev. elect Pat Lefler, and Rev. elect Don Magill-Knitig!

***MCC Dayton Parish was awarded a grant for \$4,000.00 from the Chicago Resource Center to do a Health/Wholeness Conference to be held in Fall '86. Congratulations!

***Rev. La Paula Turner was reelected as District Coordinantor fo the Great Lakes District.

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey's father is critically ill. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**For all the District Conferences.

**For all the Clergy Review Committee meetings.

**For the upcoming aids vigil weekend.

**For the Board of Elders meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Art Pearson is the new District Coordinator of the Western Canadian District. He can be reached at c/o MCC Vancouver, P. O. Box 5178, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 4B2, Canada. Congratulations Art! And many thanks to Rev. Ernie La Casse for his great work as District Coordinator!

APPLICANTS WANTED

+++MCC in the Valley is accepting resumes for the fulltime position of Church Administrative Director. Resumes are due in the church office, 5730 Cahuenga Blvd, No. Hollywood, CA 91601, no later than 1 Oct. 1986 for the position beginning in January 1987. Salary is negotiable and subject to congregational approval in December 1986. For more information contact the church at (818) 762-1133.

CCCC OFFICE

As of 15 June 1986 the mailing address for the chair of the CCCC will be 3327-29 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004-6003. The office will be located at Samaritan College. Rev. Claudia Vierra will have office hours there beginning 1 July 1986 and a new phone number for that office will be available from the Fellowship office or from information (listed as Clergy Credentials and Concerns).

"WHAT EVERY PASTOR NEEDS TO KNOW... CLERGY MALPRACTICE" by H. Neuton Malory et.al.

The authors examine the issues (including biblical, psychological, legal and practical) surrounding clergy malpractice. Available through Westminster Press, 925 Chestnut Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Cost \$12.95 + \$1.00 handling.

AIDS VIGIL OF PRAYER

The UFMCC General Council has called for an international Vigil of Prayer against aids for September 5, 6, and 7. Rev. David Farrell, Pastor of MCC San Diego, is coordinating the Vigil.

The Vigil is designed as a 50 hour Vigil of prayer which includes three worship services and corresponding secular based educational programming on aids and aids related issues. Scheduling of the Vigil activities will vary from church to church. All denominations and religious groups are being invited to participate in the Vigil in ways that they feel are appropriate to their situations.

Packets on the Vigil, including a video-tape, are being sent to each MCC congregation. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Rev. David Farrell at MCC San Diego (619) 280-4333: P. O. Box 33291, San Diego, CA 92103-0440.

SAMARITAN COLLEGE

NOTE: Samaritan College will be closed for the month of June '86. For further information or messages call the Fellowship Office.

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THE LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S PRISON MINISTRY

The Los Angeles Women's Prison Ministry under the umbrella organization Creative Transformations, Inc. is sponsoring an all day, or weekend seminar training program for doing Prison Ministry. This Seminar can be taken for one Samaritan Credit, or can be utilized to develop a Prison Ministry in the local church. If you already have a Prison Ministry in your church you may want to use our program as a means of continuing training. This Training Seminar comes out of experience and research. It is one that you won't want to miss out on if your interest is in ministering to those "behind bars."

It is relevant to prison/jails and those otherwise incarcerated. It is relevant to "doing ministry" in innovative and challenging ways.

The Seminar has been written and Coordinated by Ms. Barbara Sagat. Barbara is on the Faculty at Samaritan College and has taught courses on "Women in The Bible," and "Sexuality Studies." Barbara has a BA in Psychology and Women Studies, and a BA in Theology.

Rev. Ro Halford assists Barbara in the Seminar as a Pastor of an MCC in the prison system. Ro also has a vested interest in the on-going development of the Prison Ministry throughout the Fellowship. Her experience at California Institute for Women and in the Los Angeles Women's Prison Ministry has given her new insights in ministering to those who are oppressed by "Institutionalization." Her experience in U.F.M.C.C. and 'perserverance' continue to be a blessing in this very difficult ministry.

If you would like to have this type of seminar in your local congregation, for on-going Staff Training, or simply to be informed, please contact Rev. Ro Halford at UFMCC Offices, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304 Los Angeles, CA 90029, (213) 464-5100.

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4. MCC Gtr. St.Louis.....St. Louis, MO	1,575.85
5. MCC Toronto.....Toronto, ONT. CANADA	1,511.63
6. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1,451.57
7. MCC Washington D.C.....Washington, DC	1,353.89
8. MCC in the Valley..No. Hollywood, CA	1,349.73
9. Ch.of Holy Spirit MCC.Ft.Ldrdale, FL	1,259.56
10. MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA	1,044.08
11. All God's Children MCC.....Mpls., MN	981.90
12. King of Peace MCC...St.Ptrsburg., FL	977.76
13. MCC Gtr. Kansas Cty..Kansas Cty., MO	901.09
14. MCC of Rockies.....Denver, CO	797.37
15. MCC San Francisco.....San Francisco, CA	756.82
16. River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	729.42
17. MCC Seattle.....Seattle, WA	726.77
18. MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio, TX	705.68
19. MCC of Disciples.....Washington, DC	704.88
20. St. Lukes MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	690.40

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2. MCC Galveston Island.....Galveston, TX	28.50
3. MCC of Redwoods.....Mill Valley, CA	28.34
4. Good Samaritan MCC.....Whittier, CA	25.06
5. New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove, CA	19.52
6. MCC of the Spirit.....Harrisburg, PA	19.04
7. MCC Washington D.C.....Washington, DC	15.91
8. Christ the Liberator MCC.Princeton, NJ	15.88
9. MCC Philadelphia...TIE....Philad., PA	15.19
9. MCC Midland/Odessa..TIE....Odessa, TX	15.19
10. Oasis MCC.....Phoenix, AZ	15.11
11. MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA	14.22
12. MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio, TX	14.06
13. MCC of Disciples.....Washington, DC	13.77
14. Calvary MCC.....Redwood City, CA	13.71
15. Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	13.69
16. Emmanuel MCC.....Spokane, WA	13.68
17. MCC No. Virginia.....Oakton, VA	13.55
18. Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	13.52
19. Harlem MCC.....New York, NY	12.98
20. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	12.94

PRAISES

***For the new JOURNEY magazine!! And thanks to the editor, Rev. David Day for a job BEAUTIFULLY DONE!!

***March 1986 was among the highest tithe income month in UFMCC's history.

PRAYER REQUESTS

***For Rev. Phil Speranza, from Calgary, Alberta, CANADA, as he recuperates from a heart attack.

***For Mom Edith Perry as she recuperates from surgery. For Rev. Elder Perry, Phillip, and the Perry family.

***For Ms. Lillian Hubbs, San Francisco who is ill.

***For all the District Conferences scheduled in the next two months!

***For Ms. Jane Kuder, the spouse of Rev. Elder Harvey who is ill.

***The European Gay Christian Conference is scheduled for May, 1986, in Oslo, Norway. Rev. Bob Arthur, European North Seas District Coordinator, and several other MCC members will be there. For the first time in their history, the Conference will be considering MCC for membership. Keep them all in your prayers!!

***George Hislops' lover Ron recently died. George and Ron were pioneers of the Gay and Lesbian movement in Canada. George was honored with UFMCC's Human Rights Award at General Conference 1983. Please keep George, their friends, and family in your prayers.

GOD, GAYS AND THE GOSPEL UPDATE

We have started the process to air UFMCC's TV program "God, Gays and The Gospel - This Is Our Story" on cable channels. The first showing is on Saturday, April 27 in Los Angeles and in San Diego. We have already been receiving requests for our brochures in response to our advertisement in the Advocate. We expect a huge demand after the show airs in L.A. and San Diego.

We are in the process of firming up the airing in other cities. To date, 20 other cities have responded and are interested in airing the show. If you need further information, please call or write to Phillip DeBlick, Public Relations Director, UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 304, Los Angeles, California 90029 (213) 464-5100.

"PROYECTO SIDA TIJUANA"

ICM Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, along with other Lesbian and Gay organizations in Tijuana, have joined together to start "Proyecto SIDA (AIDS Project) Tijuana." On 17 May 1986 ICM Tijuana will be conducting a workshop on SIDA entitled "¿Es SIDA Un Castigo De Dios?" (Is AIDS God's Punishment?) and will be presented by Roberto Ochoa-Schutz, Los Angeles based student clergy for Ministerio Hispano de las Americas. He will be using UFMCC's "AIDS: A Christian Response From MCC" and "AIDS: Is It God's Judgement?" brochures which have been translated into Spanish for the workshop.

SAMARITAN COLLEGE NEWS

Orientation to MCC Pastoring 1986 will be starting in June. Over fifty students are registered for various parts of the program. Please keep the program in your prayers:

Joy MCC Orlando, FL: June 9-22

MCC Baltimore, MD: June 16-29

MCC of the Pomona Valley, L.A.: July 7 - Aug 17

Due to the orientation program staff requirements, the Los Angeles offices will be closed for the month of June. We ask for your patience and apologize for this inconvenience. Thank you for your support of the students, faculty, and staff through prayer!

NEWS

+++The weekend of April 4-5, Revs. Jennie Boyd Bull, Janet Pierce and Joseph Gilbert attended a meeting of the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches, held at the Divine Word Center, outside Chicago, IL. Rev. Gilbert represented UFMCC's Department of Ecumenical Witness and Ministry at a premeeting consultation on the World Council of Churches' document, Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry. UFMCC's response was distributed and responded to along with those of some 15 other communions. Revs. Bull and Pierce, chair and ecumenical coordinator respectively of FFO, represented UFMCC in the Unity and Renewal working group of the MCC. FFO has had official observer status for three years now.

Rev. Jennie Boyd-Bull presented a paper, "AIDS, Homophobia and the Church," describing the work of FFO in reflecting theologically on the AIDS crisis, especially in developing the brochure "AIDS: Is It God's Judgement?" As the AIDS case study said, "AIDS is opening many doors ecumenically. The question is, will that involvement stand the test of health?"

+++National Workshop on Christian Unity, an annual gathering of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Ecumenists in the United States met in Hartford, CT April 14-17, 1986. A workshop entitled "The Church and Gay/Lesbian People" was presented by Sr. Jeannine Grammick, New Ways Ministry (a Roman Catholic outreach to the Gay and Lesbian Community), Rev. Quenton Jones, an Episcopal Priest and our own Rev. Jeff Pulling.

PASTORAL DIRECTIVE FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

The Board of Elders would like to offer the following Pastoral Directive to all our clergy and congregations regarding David Newman.

David is a person who at times abuses the telephone and calls our clergy and congregations incessantly. David has been in and around the Fellowship for over 15 years. When he is having a bad time he can make life difficult for our Fellowship Headquarters or a local church. Out of our long experience we would like to offer the following advice.

#1 - Attempts to legally prosecute David have all failed and to pursue such a line of action is, frankly, a waste of your time.

#2 - David can and does develop trusting relationships with persons who are willing to listen and set limits without countering with abuse. There are people at Fellowship Headquarters, in many local churches and in every District who have a good, full rapport with David. Find out from Fellowship Headquarters or in your District who these persons are and rely on them for help and advice.

#3 - Whatever you do, don't respond to David's behavior with threats of violence, name calling, or obscene suggestions. Aside from the obvious reasons for not doing this, David is often recording your conversations and you need to know that. We have received several recordings at Headquarters and would prefer never again to hear such things from our clergy or members recorded on MCC phones.

#4 - Our response to David's behavior, as difficult or frustrating as it may be, says more about us than about him. It is a barometer of our own capacity to respond with love or violence. Remember that!

#5 - Prayer changes things. A commitment on the part of every Metropolitan Community Church to pray often for healing for David and for ourselves is the best response. If you need to discuss this further call Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson at MCC Los Angeles, (213) 748-0121, Ravi Verma or Michael Totten-Reid at Fellowship Headquarters (213) 464-5100.

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7. MCC in the Valley..N.Hollywood, CA	895.62
8. MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	766.46
9. MCC Los Angeles....Los Angeles, CA	695.98
10. Christ Chapel MCC....Santa Ana, CA	673.13
11. All God's Children MCC...Mpls., MN	651.32
12. MCC San Francisco..San Fransc., CA	641.15
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14. King of Peace.....St.Petrbrg., FL	575.10
15. MCC Disciples.....Washington, DC	518.91
16. River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	512.76
17. Key West MCC.....Key West, FL	497.78
18. St. Luke's MCC....Jacksonville, FL	497.38
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7. MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	17.36
8. MCC No.Virginia.....Oakton, VA	17.15
9. MCC Apostles of God....Sierra Vsta, AZ	16.94
10. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	16.58
11. MCC of Desert.....Palm Springs, CA	16.24
12. MCC Disciples..TIE.....Washington, DC	16.07
12. MCC of Spirit..TIE.....Harrisburg, PA	16.07
13. Christ the Liberator..MCC Princeton, NJ	15.71
14. MCC Ocean of Life.....Costa Mesa, CA	15.48
15. Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	15.09
16. Covenant MCC.....Birmingham, AL	14.63
17. MCC Hartford.....Hartford, CT	14.50
18. MCC Brooklyn.....Brooklyn, NY	13.95
19. Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	13.92
20. MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	13.40

PRAISES

****Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson**, the newly elected pastor of MCC-LA will be installed on April 13th. She will be carrying out limited Clerk's responsibilities for the BOE and General Council effective 17 March 1986.

****MCC Louisville** has begun working on relocation. Ms. Dee Dale French has been advised that the only item which can be salvaged, due to the church building fire last winter, was the MCC cross, PRAISE GOD!!! Keep MCC Louisville in your prayers as they look for new quarters.

****Rev. Elder Jeri-Ann Harvey** will be the featured guest preacher at Faith Eternal (Springfield, IL) MCC's charter celebration in April. CONGRATULATIONS Faith Eternal MCC.

****Congratulations** to Peter McCarthy, Assistant DC, Bill Marshall, Clerk, and Keith Rainey, Lay Rep. of the Australian District who were newly elected at their District Conference held in January. Congratulations also to Rev. Jim Dykes, District Coordinator and Jon Hutchinson, Treasurer, for their re-election.

****MCC Sarasota** has installed Rev. Robert Pierce as it's new pastor. CONGRATULATIONS Rev. Pierce!!!

****MCC of New York** formed an aids ministry a year ago. In order to pool resources, MCC New York is sponsoring a second forum: "aids: A Tool for Spiritual Growth" on 19 April, as part of their Spiritual Renewal Weekend. Anyone interested can contact Rev. Karen Ziegler (212) 242-1212, MCC-NY's pastor.

****"Praise God for my UFMCC family"**, said Rev. La Paula Turner, Great Lakes District Coordinator. "I have been able to make it because of your prayers, cards, letters, and phone calls received since the death of my mother. Once again, THANK YOU!!!"

****The General Council meeting** held in LA last month was a great success. HIGHLIGHTS of this meeting: a historic first meeting of all program directors, passage of an aids program (including and international UFMCC aids vigil), considerations of responses to Rev. Virgil Scott's murder, an exciting report from Rev. Elder Jean White on our new church in Jakarta, Indonesia plus her upcoming trip to Nigeria, update on our Mexico City Building Drive, and much more!

**The European North Sea District is now publishing their SOP's and newsletters in Danish as well as English. BILINGUAL COOPERATION AT ITS BEST!!!

**Congratulations to Christ Chapel MCC who will be celebrating their anniversary in April, which includes hosting the L.A. Gay Men Chorus on April 12th. Tickets are on sale, for more info call (714) 835-0722.

**Free Spirit MCC at California Institute for Women celebrated their "Dedication Services" on 26 March 1986. The Southwest District Coordinator, Rev. Judy Dahl, officiated. The pastor, Rev. Ro Halford and 20 members were received into the church. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Those sharing in the celebration were: Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Ms. Barbara Sagat, Ms. Gina Chapman, Ms. Kate Corrido, Ms. Kathie Bobbitt, and Ms. Marie Gizoni. Most of the C.I.W. Worship Facilitators met on the same date/time to worship together with the congregation; representing ANOTHER FIRST!!!!

Thank you all for your continued support through prayer as this church begins to unleash the Spirit of God within them! PRAISE GOD!!!

**Rev. Grant Ford of Holy Covenant MCC, accepted a call to the Church of the Holy Spirit MCC in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The Florida church voted by a 95% margin to ask Rev. Ford to fill their pulpit. PRAISE GOD! Congratulations to Rev. Ford and his partner Abe Olivio as they make plans to relocate to Florida in mid-April.

**The Executive Committee of the Department of Third World Ministries met 14-16 March 1986 in Dayton, Ohio. We (TWM Executive Comm.) want to thank publicly MCC Dayton Parish for their hospitality and Praise God for the work and wondrous gifts of their Gay and Lesbian Community.

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Let's keep the Pro-Peace Marchers in our prayers as they continue to overcome obstacles. However they continue to march.

***A world wide movement of Prayer for persons with aids and aids related conditions was originated by the Healing Project of San Francisco and co-sponsored by the aids Interfaith Network. It is requested that each of us, world wide, take five minutes of prayer and meditation each evening at 7:00 p.m. for persons with aids and related conditions, and for those involved in aids ministry.

***Rev. Felix Escamilla has resigned as Worship Coordinator from ICM Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico for personal and health reasons. Ms. Graciela D'Avila, has been named as Worship Coordinator to the

Tijuana group. Ms D'Avila is the first woman Worship Coordinator in Mexico. (ALELUYA!!!) Hispanic Americas Ministry wishes to express its deep gratitude to Rev. Escamilla for all his dedication and work done in Tijuana. Let's always remember all of the people dedicated to bringing the Good News to Latin America and all of World Church Extension, in our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE HAS CHANGED THEIR REQUIREMENTS AS IT RELATES TO BUSINESS REPLY ENVELOPES BETTER KNOWN AS BRE's (the prepaid return envelopes from UFMCC). THEREFORE THE BRE's FROM UFMCC WHICH ARE NOW IN ANYONE'S POSSESSION CAN NO LONGER BE USED. PLEASE THROW THEM AWAY. THE USPOS WILL NOT FORWARD TO US ANY MAIL USING THESE BRE's EFFECTIVE 31 MARCH 1986.

--COPIES AVAILABLE OF TWO ECUMENICAL SERVICES FOR AIDS. From Brokenness to Wholeness: A Service of Healing (done in Hartford in March 1986) and Moving Beyond Our Fears: A Prayer Service (done in Baltimore in November 1985) are just two of the many ecumenical services done around the world in the last year in response to aids. In both of the above services, the local MCC's were actively involved. Printed copies of both entire services are available from Samaritan Extended Studies (Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107). Hymns, prayers, and readings are all included. Cost is \$4 for each or \$ 7 for both (includes printing, postage, and handling), payable in US funds to Samaritan Extended Studies.

--A private investigator is being hired by the Fellowship to investigate the murder of Rev. Virgil Scott, the late pastor of MCC Stockton. A "brief" regarding these circumstances can be obtained for \$5.00 (printing and shipping) from the Northwest District c/o Rev. David Pelletier, 150 Eureka St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Donations can also be sent to the same address to help with the costs of the investigation. Let us continue remembering the loved ones of Rev. Scott, MCC Stockton, and the Northwest District, and everyone in the Fellowship as we heal from this tragedy, through our prayers.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

--DATES FOR 1986 CLERGY CONFERENCE. The 1986 UFMCC Clergy Conference will be September 15-18 (Monday through Thursday) in Burlingame, California (just minutes from the San Francisco Airport). Watch for more information!

--The Mid Atlantic District Conference will be held in Richmond, VA on Memorial Day Weekend, 23-25 May 1986. The Spring Conference theme will be "Community is our Middle Name". The host pastor for this event is the Rev. Arthur Runyan and the keynote speaker will be Rev. June Norris.

--The Mid-Central District Conference this year will be held in Wichita, KS on 18-20 April 1986. The Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey and the Rev. Bruce Brown will conduct the worship services.

--The annual District Conference of Gulf Lower Atlantic District is scheduled for the weekend of 25-27 April. The Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry will be the guest speaker.

FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

REVEREND ELDER DOCTOR MODERATOR TROY D. PERRY
RECEIVES SECOND HONORARY DOCTORATE

Congratulations to Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry who received a Honorary Doctorate of Human Service from Sierra University in Santa Monica, California on Saturday, 22 March 1986. Rev. Perry was awarded the degree for "...his work on actively opposing all forms of human oppression, ageism, sexism, racism and for being an outspoken advocate of Gay and Lesbian rights...".

Others being honored that night with Honorary Doctorates were: businesswoman and actress Ms. Madge Sinclair (currently appearing in Trapper John M.D. television series); Dr. Igor Tzaikovsky, Soviet researcher and visionary, best known for his work in underwater childbirth; and Ms. Carmen Zapata, actress, producer, and President of the Bilingual Foundation of the Arts, and Hispanic Performing Arts organization.

Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, Clerk of the Board of Elders and Mr. Steve Schulte, Councilperson for the city of West Hollywood presented Rev. Perry with his Honorary Doctorate at the commencement ceremony.

This is Rev. Perry's second Honorary Doctorate, receiving his first Doctorate from Samaritan College on 22 May 1984. Congratulations again, Troy!!

SAMARITAN SUNDAY

Samaritan Sunday is upon us once again. Please select a sunday in May to celebrate Samaritan Sunday with your congregation. The brochures, to be used as bulletin inserts on Samaritan Sunday, are in the mail. We are asking that you take up a special

offering for Samaritan Educational Ministries. The gifts may be designated to one of the three divisions by making checks payable to that division, or given to all three by making checks payable to Samaritan Educational Ministries. Remember, we are all responsible for the Education of our people ! Thank you and God bless you!

Rev. Sherre Boothman Rev. Jeffrey Pulling
Samaritan College Samaritan Extended Studies
Ms. Jane Sandmeier
Executive Director, Excel

SAMARITAN COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

This year's Commencement Ceremony is being held at Christ Chapel, Santa Ana. The graduates include: Rev. Ro Halford, Pastor - Free Spirit MCC @ C.I.W., Ms. Pat Leffler Student Clergy at Christ Chapel and Mr. Don Magill-Knitig Student Clergy, on assignment as Worship Coordinator of MCC of the Sierras, Reno, Nevada. The ceremony will be held on Friday, the 23 May, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. You are all cordially invited to join in this celebration.

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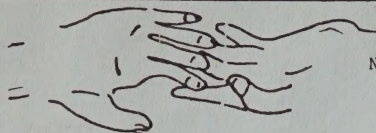
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**Rev. David Day of MCC Austin is the new Editor of Journey. Materials for Journey can be sent to 5063 Ft. Clarke, Austin TX 78745, c/o Rev. David Day.





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1. MCC DALLAS.....	Dallas, TX	\$2723.45
2. MCC OF RESURRECTION.....	Houston, TX	2391.81
3. MCC SAN DIEGO.....	San Diego, CA	1632.63
4. MCC IN VALLEY.....	North Hollywood, CA	1448.31
5. CH. HOLY SPIRIT MCC.....	Ft. Ldrdale, FL	1432.30
6. MCC LONG BEACH.....	Long Beach, CA	1353.43
7. MCC WASHINGTON.....	Washington, DC	1323.82
8. CHRIST CHAPEL MCC.....	Santa Ana, CA	1277.50
9. MCC GTR. ST. LOUIS.....	St. Louis, MO	1171.53
10. ALL GOD'S CHILDREN MCC.....	Minn, MN	820.69
11. MCC SAN FRANCISCO....	San Francisco, CA	812.67
12. MCC NEW YORK.....	New York City, NY	795.40
13. MCC SAN JOSE.....	San Jose, CA	679.35
14. MCC GTR. KANSAS CITY...	Kansas City, MO	678.08
15. MCC TORONTO.....	Ontario, Canada (U.S.)	675.65
16. MCC OF THE DISCIPLES....	Washington, DC	660.52
17. GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MCC...	Chicago, IL	621.21
18. ST. JOHN'S MCC.....	Raleigh, NC	590.40
19. RIVER CITY MCC.....	Sacramento, CA	516.22
20. CASA DE CRISTO EVANG. MCC...	Phoenix, AZ	494.17

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1. CHRISTOS MCC.....	Toronto, ONT, Canada (U.S.)	22.70
2. REDEEMER MCC.....	Flint, MI	21.60
3. GOOD SAMARITAN MCC.....	Whittier, CA	21.56
4. VISION OF HOPE MCC.....	Lancaster, CA	20.68
5. MCC TOPEKA.....	Topeka, KS	20.00
6. CHRIST CHAPEL MCC.....	Santa Ana, CA	19.47
7. MCC BAKERSFIELD.....	Bakersfield, CA	18.04
8. MCC WASHINGTON.....	Washington, DC	17.44
9. MCC HARTFORD.....	Hartford, CT	17.34
10. MARANATHA MCC.....	Colorado Springs, CO	17.32
11. MCC OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA....	Larton, VA	17.09
12. OPEN ARMS MCC.....	Rochester, NY	16.87
13. KEY WEST MCC.....	Key West, FL	16.41
14. MCC WICHITA.....	Wichita, KS	15.35
15. HARLEM MCC.....	New York, NY	15.09
16. CALVARY MCC.....	Redwood City, CA	14.96
17. OASIS MCC.....	Tempe, AZ	14.11
18. CHRIST LIBERATOR MCC.....	Princeton, NJ	13.62
19. DIVINE REDEEMER MCC.....	Glendale, CA	13.21
20. MCC IN THE COUNTRY....	Lemon Grove, CA	13.03

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Let's keep Mom Perry in our prayers. She experienced an irregular heartbeat and was briefly hospitalized around the end of the year. Mom Perry is at home now and doing much better.

- Rev. Elder Jean White is in Indonesia at this writing. Continued prayers are requested for a safe and successful journey.

- Rev. Frank Scott, presently serving at MCC Ventura in California, is going to pastor our church in Bournemouth, England in April 1986! Our prayers go with him and his spouse.

- Rev. La Paula Turner, District Coordinator of the Great Lakes District and pastor of MCC Dayton Parish, recently lost her mother. Please keep her, as well as her family and loved ones, in your prayers. Expressions of love and concern may be sent to: Rev. La Paula Turner, MCC Dayton Parish, 665 Salem Ave., Dayton, OH 45406-5822.

GENERAL CONFERENCE XII

The reports and directives of General Conference XII have been printed and are being mailed to all registrants.

EXCEL I - AUSTRALIA

Jane Sandmeier, Excel Coordinator, sends word that EXCEL I took place in Sydney, Australia, January 17th-19th 1986. A team of five people from the U.S.A. and Canada conducted it. They will also be attending the Australian District Conference in Adelaide, January 24th-26th 1986. Please keep them in your prayers.

WORLD WIDE MOMENT OF PRAYER

A world wide moment of prayer and meditation is being held for five (5) minutes each day at 7 p.m. for persons with aids and aids related conditions. All over the world, people are joining together, each in their own way, wherever they happen to be at 7 p.m.

This idea originated with The Healing Project of San Francisco and is now co-sponsored by the aids Interfaith Network. Our goal, ultimately, is to make this truly a world wide event each day at 7 p.m., so that every hour on the hour, somewhere in the world, someone will be "Knowing the Truth."

For further information: aids Interfaith Network, 890 Hayes St., San Francisco, CA 94117. Tele. #: (415) 928-HOPE.

FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

OPEN PULPIT

MCC DETROIT is currently looking for a new pastor.
Persons interested, please contact:

Mr. James Hohmann
23401 Roanoke
Oak Park, MI 48237

SIGNATURES REQUIRED

All CHURCH SERVICES Orders require two (2) signatures before orders can be processed. This will insure that we have a hard copy in our files of all Church Services requests for supplies, materials, etc. It also protects your church, by insuring that only authorized people can order Church Services materials. In the long run it will enable us to expedite your orders more quickly and efficiently. Thanks for your cooperation, as we continue to work toward finding better ways to serve you in UFMCC Church Services.

EXPO '86-VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA

We at MCC Vancouver would like to invite all our Brothers and Sisters from our worldwide Fellowship to visit with us during our World's Fair 'Transportation' Exposition, May 2nd to Oct. 13th. We are offering housing to any of our family around the world. Please contact your church office for further details as we have sent to each church information and application forms for the housing requests. First come, first serve basis. There will be no housing charge, but we are doing it as a fund-raiser for the AIDS VANCOUVER Housing Project.

For further information, please write:

Eric L. McLean
EXPO Housing Coordinator
P.O. Box 5178
Vancouver, B.C., Canada
V6B 4B2

QUARANTINE PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

On Jan. 13, 1986, Rev. Elder Don Eastman joined 20 other community and civil rights leaders to testify before the Texas Board of Health in Austin on its proposal to institute quarantine for certain persons with aids. Several days later the Texas Health Commissioner withdrew his request for the proposed quarantine. The Commissioner said the influence of the Gay/Lesbian community at the public hearing persuaded him that voluntary cooperation would be a far more valuable weapon than quarantine in the fight against aids.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Rev. Frankye White, District Coordinator of Southeast District, graduated from "University Without Walls" with a B.A. in Religious Studies. She was also placed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" for outstanding scholastic achievement.

Note: Samaritan Education Ministries offers a cooperative educational program in conjunction with "University Without Walls". For further information write to:

Rev. Sherre Boothman, Dean, Resident College
3327-29 Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90004-6003

PRAISES

Praise God! Many interesting and important events are happening around the world which are helping to open doors for our ministry.

* CHICAGO -- The Lutheran Student Movement has passed a resolution at its 16th Annual Assembly on "Affirmation of Welcome of Gays & Lesbians in the Lutheran Church" and encourages the Lutheran Church to explore issues of Gay & Lesbian reality, plus take appropriate action.

* NEW ENGLAND -- The New England Synod of the Lutheran Church in America adopted a resolution requesting that Gays & Lesbians be considered "protected classed and be provided increased protection from harrasment, threats and assaults."

* ANAHEIM, CA -- Disneyland has revoked a 28 year-old policy banning partners of the same sex from dancing together!

* MARYLAND -- The University of Maryland's Student Government Association (SGA) voted down a petition "to stop appropriating student activity funds for any organization or activity that is designed to promote homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle, or to recruit students in support of the Lesbian/Gay cause. A formal apology was issued to the Gay & Lesbian Student Union.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (UULGC) is sponsoring the second annual Continental Convocation, "Together in the Struggle" in San Diego, CA, February 14th-16th 1986. This convocation will be hosted by Gay/Lesbian Outreach, First Unitarian Church of San Diego. Enclosed find Program Schedule and Registration form.

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1. MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX \$2,047.43
2. MCC of the Resurrection...Houston, TX 1,585.23
3. MCC San Diego.....San Diego, CA 1,046.49
4. Ch.of Holy Spirit MCC.Ft. Lderdle, FL 924.51
5. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA 884.05
6. MCC Washington.....Washington, DC 843.01
7. MCC in the Valley...No. Hollywood, CA 775.84
8. MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA 772.84
9. MCC San Francisco...San Francisco, CA 620.21
10. All God's Children MCC.....Mpls., MN 619.01
11. Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA 604.09
12. MCC of the Disciples...Washington, DC 578.88
13. MCC New York.....New York, NY 561.00
14. MCC of Grtr. St. Louis..St. Louis, MO 535.43
15. Agape MCC of Ft. Wrth...Ft. Worth, TX 515.91
16. St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville, FL 457.48
17. MCC of the Pomona Valley..Ontario, CA 402.00
18. MCC Portland.....Portland, OR 398.04
19. MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio, TX 383.68
20. MCC Tampa.....Tampa, FL 374.77

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1. MCC Apostles of God..Huachuca City, AZ \$ 52.07
2. MCC of Grtr St. Louis....St. Louis, MO 25.16
3. MCC of the Disciples....Washington, DC 20.46
4. Agape MCC of Ft. Wrth....Ft. Worth, TX 19.77
5. Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA 17.26
6. Oasis MCC.....Tempe, AZ 16.61
7. New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove, CA 16.00
8. MCC Whitewater Valley....Richmond, VA 15.87
9. MCC of No. Virginia.....Oakton, VA 15.33
10. MCC Brooklyn.....Brooklyn, NY 14.63
11. River Cities MCC.....Shreveport, LA 13.92
12. MCC Hartford.....Hartford, CT 13.90
13. MCC Christ the Liberator.Princeton, NJ 13.82
14. Calvary MCC.....Redwood City, CA 13.81
15. MCC Midland/Odessa.....Midland, TX 13.69
16. Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO 13.45
17. MCC By the Sea.....San Diego, CA 13.32
18. MCC of the Redwoods....Mill Valley, CA 13.18
19. MCC Diablo Valley.....Concord, CA 12.90
20. MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA 12.60

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Unitarian Church that MCC Louisville meets in was burned to the ground in the early morning hours of December 14th. They have met in this Historic Unitarian Church (pastored by Dr. Virginia Knowles) for nearly 8 years. No one was injured. Praise God. The cause of the fire is yet unknown.

MCC Louisville is temporarily meeting at the gay community center, and is negotiating for space in one of two churches that have offered. One of the churches is a Baptist church that ministers to a primarily deaf congregation.

MCC Louisville lost all their altar linens, altar ware, their office, and some furniture. In addition, the rent they were paying at the Unitarian Church was very low, so this will be a major adjustment.

MCC Louisville is pastored by Dee Dale-French, a student clergy. They were recently approved for chartering by the General Council. Please keep them in your prayers. Donations to help them rebuild are very much appreciated. Please send any contributions to: MCC Louisville, P.O. Box 32474, Louisville, KY 40232-0474.

Continued prayers for Jerry Knitzel prior Worship Coordinator of Johnson County MCC. Jerry is in the advanced stages of aids. His condition is stabilized. He is out of the hospital and is resting at home. Due to his weakened condition, he has been replaced by Pam Croacher as Worship Coordinator. Please keep her in your prayers as well. The church meetings are still being held in the basement of Jerry's home. Also, Jerry and his lover Kim celebrated their 10th anniversary recently! Congratulations!!

LENTEN STUDY SERIES ON AIDS

FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Faith Fellowship and Order has developed a six session study/dialogue series for spiritual growth in response to the aids crisis. This series is called "Do Not Fear, Only Believe" (Mark 5:36). One free copy is being sent to every MCC congregation. Additionally, copies may be ordered for \$5.00 U.S. from Samaritan Extended Studies, P.O. Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107. The price includes the study series itself, the 12 page F.F.O. document "Is aids God's Judgement," a cover, and shipping cost.

F.F.O. is asking every MCC congregation to consider using "Do Not Fear, Only Believe" during Lent (which begins February 12). The series is appropriate for other times as well.

MCC Louisville is temporarily meeting at the Deborah Ivins would like to locate and identify other heterosexual members of UFMCC. She is interested in forming a support network for heterosexual UFMCC members. She would like to receive letters from those interested and want to know whether or not you might grant permission to share your information. Ms. Ivins attended General Conference in Sacramento, CA. Please send all correspondence to Ms. Deborah Ivins, c/o MCC Christ the Liberator, P.O. Box 703, Princeton, NJ 08540.

PRaises

Rev. Elder Jean White is going to Indonesia early in January to visit with our new group there. Praise God!

The Northeast has pastors for all its churches!!

Rev. Hohn Nicholas was elected Pastor of MCC of the Ozarks and Student Clergy Emily Bell was elected Workshop Coordinator of MCC Acadiana.

Rev. Steve Pieters recently appeared on the "Tammy Faye Baker Show" on the P.T.L. Network. He was interviewed for approximately 25 minutes on being Gay, Christian, and having aids. Tammy was very open about the Gay Christian experience, and spoke in favor of giving support to persons with aids. This represents a significant moment in Christian Broadcast history. Praise God for opening doors in ways we sometimes least expect.

OUR APOLOGIES TO ICM MEXICO CITY

Even during their time of crisis they were faithful in their contribution to Fellowship Sunday, and we overlooked their names in the last Keeping In Touch.

The Clergy Manual has been revised and should be ready for distribution. The price is \$13.00 and may be ordered from Rev. Claudia Vierra, Chair C.C.C.C. 172 San Carlos Way, Novato, CA 94947.

MCC Detroit is now looking for a full time Pastor. Everyone interested please contact MCC Detroit, c/o Mr. James Hohmann, 231401 Roanoke, Oak Park, MI 48237.

The Gulf and Lower Atlantic District is looking for a few good people...They are short two Assistant District Coordinators. Keep them in your prayers while the search continues. Please note the following:

JOB DESCRIPTION

Gentle of Spirit, good negotiator, and a firm hand under fire...unshakable faith in God's good future for the G.L.A.D. Other than that we can tolerate some human resemblance... Anyone interested should contact Ms. Mary Moore, District Coordinator, G.L.A.D., P.O. Box 66101, Birmingham, AL 35210

Thanks to Rev. Karen Ziegler the United Nations World Health Organization convened its first workshop on aids (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome), in Africa. The workshop included participants from nine Central African Countries plus international experts in clinical medicine, microbiology, epidemiology and public health. The following excerpts are from that workshop/meeting:

In Africa, aids primarily affects the heterosexual population. The workshop participants recommended the establishment, whenever feasible, of a viable transfusion service supported by the laboratory and the limitation of blood transfusions to life-threatening situations.

The participants also recommended the WHO help coordinate the establishment of necessary national surveillance systems, formulate the appropriate case definition and design a uniform case reporting format. In addition, WHO should collaborate in the preparation of educational programmes designed for target groups as well as health care personnel at all levels.

The Board of Elder Minutes - October 1985 are off the press and are included with this month's K.I.T. to all the churches.

The following churches have contributed to Fellowship Sunday since November 1985. We thank you all for your support and commitment to the continued vision of the UFMCC.

MCC Long Beach	MCC of So. Illinois
St. John's MCC	MCC Lubbock
Good News MCC	MCC Portland
MCC of the Resurrection	MCC Ventura
MCC North London	Midland/Odessa MCC
	Modesto MCC

MCC Long Beach was faithful in contributing almost immediately to Fellowship Sunday, and their name slipped by us in the previous K.I.T.

ICM MEXICO CITY UPDATE

ICM Mexico City is on the move toward their own independence. Thanks to many of you who have given so willingly of your prayers and contributions. The folks in Mexico City have found a building to purchase. We do not have all the information as of this writing, however, we will keep you posted. The total amount received toward the building fund is \$7,085.97 and the "relief" fund is \$2,028.66. Gracias por todo sus apoyo y amor (support and love).

The following is a short Christmas Greeting to all of us at the UFMCC from the women at the California Institute for Women:

Our Christmas Wish To M.C.C.

We all here at C.I.W. wish all of you the Merriest Christmas ever. We're all very happy you have become a part of our lives. We all look forward to our weekly meeting & the smiling faces & the words of our God. We're pleased & our hearts are free to worship out front. Be this Christmas a lot of us have something to be happy & thankful for, our church. Praise the name of the Lord our God.

When I arrived at Samaritan College in 1983, I called the Veteran's Administration to inquire if Samaritan College as a religiously exempt school in California qualified for Veteran's educational benefits. I was told we did but that we had to go through an application process with the state. This last September we had our first student wanting to use their VA benefits. I pursued the process with state only to find out that the VA had given me incorrect information. The college must hold authorized status to qualify for the VA funds. I apologize for the confusion caused by this misinformation. We are preparing to apply for a change to authorized status in 1986 providing the necessary endowment funds become available. Please keep this in your prayers.

SAMARITAN EXTENDED STUDIES

REVISED POLITY CORRESPONDENCE COURSE READY

The Samaritan correspondence course UFMCC POLITY has been revised to include the 1985 General Conference and the Bylaw and structural changes made in our Fellowship at all three levels of government. The course costs \$ 60 U.S., payable to Samaritan Extended Studies. The charge includes all reading materials. This course is appropriate for student clergy (meeting the Polity proficiency requirement); training for lay delegates, deacons, and members of local Board of Directors; and for other interested persons. Included are section on UFMCC Overview, the Calling of MCC, The History of MCC Through our General Conference and Bylaws, and the Current UFMCC Bylaws. Order from Samaritan Extended Studies, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107.

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(Received by September 15, 1985)

1. MCC Dallas..... Dallas, TX - \$2,374.64
2. MCC San Diego.....San Diego, CA - 1,981.43
3. MCC of Resurrection..... Houston, TX - 1,633.07
4. Ch.of H.Spirit MCC... Ft. Lderdle, FL - 1,209.75
5. MCC in the Valley....N. Hollywood, CA - 1,102.66
6. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA - 936.03
7. MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA - 874.60
8. MCC Washington..... Washington, DC - 798.98
9. MCC of Grtr St.Louis... St. Louis, MO - 797.57
10. MCC New York..... New York, NY - 783.90
11. All God's Children MCC.....Minn., MN - 712.97
12. MCC TorontoToronto, ONT - * 658.60
13. Agape MCC of Ft. Worth..Ft. Worth, TX - 638.78
14. MCC of Grtr K.C..... Kansas City, MO - 616.13
15. MCC San Antonio..... San Antonio, TX - 603.15
16. Christ Chapel MCC..... Santa Ana, CA - 553.51
17. St. Luke's MCC..... Jacksonville, FL - 532.51
18. MCC Seattle Seattle, WA - 532.12
19. MCC Tampa Tampa, FL - 523.03
20. MCC of the Disciples.. Washington, DC - 498.71

* Canadian exchanged to U.S. Currency

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1. Harlem MCC..... New York, NY - \$ 56.95
2. MCC Ocean of Life..... Costa Mesa, CA - 23.03
3. Harmony MCC Killen, TX - 21.83
4. Diablo Valley MCC Concord, CA - 20.93
5. Calvary MCC Redwood City, CA - 19.61
6. MCC of the Disciples ..Washington, DC - 18.75
7. Trinity MCC New York, NY - 18.70
8. MCC Providence Providence, RI - 17.27
9. River of Life MCC Richland, WA - 16.74
10. MCC Wichita Wichita, KS - 16.36
11. MCC Philadelphia ... Philadelphia, PA - 16.25
12. MCC Rockville Rockville, MD - 15.99
13. All Saints MCC Atlanta, GA - 15.79
14. New Life MCC Oakland, CA - 15.04
15. MCC Apostles/God... Huachuca City, AZ - 14.76
16. Whitewater Valley MCC... Richmond, IN - 14.60
17. New Covenant MCC....Garden Grove, CA - 14.47
18. MCC Stockton Stockton, CA - 14.16
19. Christ the Liberator... Princeton, NJ - 14.03
20. Maranatha MCC Colorado Spgs., CO - 13.74

For more information and to register for any of our programs, please write us at Samaritan College, 3327 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90004, or call at (213) 387-8086 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Pacific time on weekdays.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Elder Jean White is going to Mexico in late October. Please uphold Jean in your prayers during her visit with Dr. Armando Hernandez and ICM Mexico City. Also, do not forget the special offerings for ICM Mexico City on Nov. 2, 1985, All Saints Day.

FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Hot off the Press is a new Church Services Catalogue (Code # CS-11) and order form. All MCC congregations will receive one complimentary catalogue. Any additional copies can be ordered for \$1.00 from the Fellowship Offices.

"God, Gays and the Gospel; This is Our Story", the Limited Edition, is still available for sale at the Fellowship Offices. The cost is \$ 102.40 outside of California and \$ 108.90 inside California, which includes Shipping Costs. (The difference is due to California State Tax).

Many thanks to the Following Churches who have contributed to Fellowship Sunday, as of October 23, 1985:

MCC Corpus Christi, TX	MCC Pittsburgh, PA
MCC Ocean of Life, CA	Mid-Cities MCC, TX
MCC Springfield Family, MO	MCC Columbus, OH
MCC of the Living Hope, TN	MCC of Baton Rouge, LA
MCC Springfield, MA	Ray of Hope MCC, NY
Christ Chapel MCC, CA	MCC Quad Cities, IA
Trinity MCC, NY	MCC London, England
MCC Birmingham, England	MCC of Northern Virginia, VA
MCC Topeka, KS	St. Mary's MCC, NC
Open Arms MCC, NY	MCC San Antonio, TX

Our thanks to the individuals who have faithfully contributed to Fellowship Sunday, as well.

PRAISES!!!

The first official General Council meeting was a grand success! We praise God for our Elders, District Coordinators and the Fellowship Staff.

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson and Ms. Paula Schoenwether have moved into their new home. Praise God.

Congratulations to Rev. Emmett Watkins, the newly elected Pastor of Morning Star MCC, Worcester, MA.

Much success for the newly elected, as well as re-elected District Coordinators, Rev. LaPaula Turner, Great Lakes District, Rev. David Pelletier, Northwest District, Mr. Adam DeBaugh, Mid-Atlantic District, Mary Moore, South-Atlantic District (Interim District Coordinator) and Rev. Willie White, Northeast District. Congratulations!

Rev. Judy Dahl and Terry Miller have a new 9lb. 6oz. baby boy. They named him Noah. Congratulations and Blessings.

Congratulations to Rev. LaPaula Turner who has been recently elected to MCC Dayton Parish. Her new mailing address is: c/o MCC Dayton Parish, 665 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, 45406-5822 (513) 277-6448

Wanted!!! Praises! We know there are many blessings that you receive - do share them with our entire UFMCC family!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC of Columbus, Ohio is currently looking for a full-time Pastor. Anyone interested should write to: MCC Columbus, P.O. Box 10009, Columbus, OH, 43201, attention: Pastoral Search Committee.

Samaritan is your College

Samaritan College wants you to be able to minister in the best possible way. We want you to be skilled; to have the tools you need; to polish and refine your talents, in short: to be educated. Lay people and clergy and any who fall between should be ready to bring the good news of Jesus' saving love to all those in our community who are in desperate need of that love. Here's how and when to prepare yourself in the time ahead:

- Friday 15 November, 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday 16 November, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Los Angeles): Membership Development in Your Church. This course is designed for both laity and clergy to develop more effective outreach ministries. Now is your chance to learn how (and whether) your church can grow!

- Monday 6 January, Samaritan starts Interterm, a month long series of short courses designed to help those who are on the path to professional ministry. The courses include: Writing as a Ministry Tool; Biblical Exegesis; UFMCC Polity and Homosexuality and the Scriptures. All of these courses are offered for one credit and are valuable to lay people and clergy as well as student clergy.

- Friday 24 January, 7:30 p.m. through Sunday 26 January, 5:30 p.m. at MCC of the Pomona Valley: MCC Board of Directors Seminar. This is the first Fellowship-wide exploration of the challenges and opportunities of local MCC leadership. Now is your chance to learn how to direct your community church to more effective witness and work in your area. Although designed specifically for current board members, it will also prove invaluable for those considering board service in the future.

The Second Term of the 1985-86 academic year will begin on 10 February in Los Angeles and will include courses in Ethics; Theology; Sexuality/Spirituality and The Prophets From Isaiah to Troy. Second Term classes end the week of 23 May 1986 and Commencement for the Samaritan Class of 1986 will be held on Friday 30 May 1986.

The 1986 Orientation to MCC Pastoring will be held in the following times and places:

- Counseling and Christian Education, 9-22 June, 1986, at Joy MCC, Orlando, Florida

- Worship and Preaching, 16-29 June, 1986 at MCC Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland

The full six week program will be offered from 7 July to 17 August at MCC of the Pomona Valley, Ontario, California. The California participants will be housed together on the campus of Astara College. Astara has agreed to turn over an entire air-conditioned dormitory of two room suites, and adjacent faculty house and the surrounding grounds and facilities to us for the entire summer program. For the first time, all of the students, faculty, staff and counselors will have the opportunity to work, study, play and live in shared space for the duration of the Orientation. All previous participants have agreed that the addition of campus housing would greatly improve the educational experience. Make your plans to attend!

Samaritan College is now running at close to capacity. It is exciting to see so many talented women and men turn on to education and ministry. Join us in the excitement and the fun.

keeping in touch

News and Notes from the
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SEPTEMBER 1985

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1- MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$1,969.73
2- MCC of Resurrection.....Houston, TX	1,473.35
3- MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	923.84
4- MCC in Valley.....No. Hollywood, CA	911.77
5- Ch. Holy Spirit MCC.....Ft. Ldrdale, FL	845.21
6- MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA	789.22
7- MCC Greater St. Louis.....St. Louis, MO	736.36
8- MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	723.63
9- MCC of Greater K.C.Kansas City, MO	717.56
10-MCC New York.....New York, NY	685.84
11-Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	490.45
12-Agape MCC of Ft. Worth....Ft. Worth, TX	489.60
13-MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio, TX	487.21
14-MCC Toronto.....Ontario, BC	** 415.67
15-MCC Seattle.....Seattle, WA	378.56
16-MCC of the Disciples.....Washington, DC	378.52
17-St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	365.42
18-Christ the King MCC...Oklahoma City, OK	362.30
19-Holy Covenant MCC.....LaGrange, IL	356.86
20-MCC Albuquerque.....Albuquerque, NM	356.17

SEPTEMBER 1985

TOP 20 TITHES

PER CAPITA

(Received by August 15, 1985)

1- Sojourner MCC.....Ferndale, MI	\$33.67
2- Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	29.10
3- MCC of the Spirit.....Harrisburg, PA	24.42
4- MCC Bakersfield.....Bakersfield, CA	22.25
5- Calvary MCC.....Redwood City, CA	22.24
6- Christos MCC.....Toronto, ONT	** 21.05
7- Diablo Valley MCC.....Concord, CA	19.25
8- MCC of the Disciples.....Washington, DC	18.74
9- MCC Hartford.....Hartford, CT	18.55
10-MCC of the Living Hope.....Memphis, TN	16.41
11-MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	15.80
12-Christ Chapel.....Santa Ana, CA	15.42
13-MCC Providence.....Providence, RI	14.53
14-MCC Ocean of Life.....Costa Mesa, CA	14.43
15-MCC of the Valley.....No. Hollywood, CA	13.99
16-MCC New York.....New York, NY	13.83
17-MCC in El Paso.....El Paso, TX	13.74
18-Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	13.64
19-Apostles of God MCC...Huachuca City, AZ	13.53
20-New Life MCC San Angelo..San Angelo, TX	13.50

** (Canadian Exchange to U.S. Currency)

UFMCC UPDATE

Good News from the Fellowship Offices!! A new Catalog and Order Form is off the drawing board and on its way to the Printer.

The new Order Form will list all Church Services materials available along with prices. However, there will be a cost increase for some materials. As you can appreciate, printing, paper goods, etc. have increased in cost, therefore, the increase will be reflected in the new prices.

Memorabilia is still available from the UFMCC Offices from General Conference XII: Audio Tapes, Conference Posters and T-Shirts. A complete set of worship tapes is \$50, single tapes are \$4.00, TShirts are \$4.00, Buttons are \$.50, and Posters are \$.50. Make these part of your UFMCC memorabilia collection.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES!!

MCC Sydney is looking for a Church Building to purchase. Please keep them in your prayers during this process.

Congratulations to Rev. LaPaula Turner, District Coordinator of the Great Lakes District, who was recently elected to MCC Dayton Parish, Dayton, Ohio with a 86% vote! She and her spouse Ms. Sandi Robinson plan on moving to Dayton in the next couple of weeks.

The Ecumenical Witness Ministry has received a \$5,000.00 Grant for the continuation of their work with the National Council of Churches. Thanks to the efforts of Sandi Robinson who is responsible for writing the Grant. The Grant was received from the Chicago Resource Center.

Two of Rev. Willie White's brothers recently died. This has been a very difficult time for Willie, please be sure and lift him up in your prayers. Any letters of support and love can be sent to: Rev. Willie White, P.O.Box 869, Ossining, NY 10562.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Richard Matera recently sent us some information on (2) two jobs being publicized for the City of New York. One is for "Public Health Advisers-Aids Program" - Salary: \$ 18,086 - Location: City-Wide. Resumes should be sent to: "Confidential" Tom Bartenfeld, Program Manager, AIDS Program, 125 Worth Street, Box 44, New York, NY 10013. For further information, please call (212) 566-0454, 9 to 5 Monday - Friday.

The second, "Nurse Clinician - Aids Program" - Salary: \$ 25,035. Forward Resume to: Paul a Pariski, Jr. MD Acting Director, Department of Ambulatory Care, Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center, 760 Broadway, Brooklyn NY 11206, (718) 963-8193.

SAMARITAN EXTENDED STUDIES

New Polity Course Soon Ready

The 1985 revised edition of the correspondence course UFMCC POLITY will be ready in October. Contact Samaritan Extended Studies, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107 for info and enrollment form. Cost is \$60 (US), which includes all reading materials.

New Adult Education Resource

A new adult education course is available from Samaritan Extended Studies (Address above). Living a Christian Life Style As a Gay or Lesbian Person is a seven-session course written by Rev. Gail Van Buren, Pastor of MCC of Northern Virginia. Cost is \$7 (US).

NEWS FROM MEXICO CITY!!!

The following is a portion of information we have received from Rev. Elder Don Eastman, who is currently visiting Mexico City. A letter regarding special offerings and other ways to assist our people will be sent to you in the near future.

From Rev. Elder Don Eastman, written on September 25th 1985.

"Lupe Valdez and I arrived in Mexico City yesterday to assess the situation in our church groups here. Roberto Ochoa-Schutz from Los Angeles is also with us.

Prior to the earthquake ICM Mexico City was doing very well. They had been permitted to return to the English Episcopal Church where they originally had worshipped in downtown Mexico City. With the return, attendance rapidly increased to 130 persons each Sunday. Recently they have received a number of new members into the congregation. Approximately 30 people are more active and comprise the core group of the congregation. Hundreds of people attend the church occasionally.

There are only two known casualties among the core group: Dr. Virginia Carrizales, a dentist, was seriously injured, her foot was amputated. We will visit her in the hospital today. Her companion, Magdalena, was killed in the earthquake. Virginia does not yet know of Magdalena's death.

One man's home was totally destroyed, several other members' homes were partially destroyed and had to be evacuated and they do not know if or when they can return to their homes.

Of the less active people attending the church, it may be several weeks before the extend of injury and damage is known.

The Episcopal Church is located two blocks from the area most seriously affected. Therefore, they were not able to worship in the building last week. We were able to see the church today and it appears to be ok, but, they must wait for a Structural Engineer to say it is safe. Hopefully that will occur this week.

The damage appears concentrated in several areas, the rest (and most) of the city seems to be functioning normally. There is considerable fear about the possibility of unstable buildings and engineering studies are being done. The long-range economic impact is difficult to assess at this point, but, it seems that our church group continues to have the same needs as before, but they are stronger and continue to have great faith. While there is not an urgent need for immediate financial aid; there will be a continuous assessment to see what the needs actually are.

Lupe and I will also visit Cuernavaca on this trip. There is little damage and people are all ok there." Please continue keeping them all in your prayers.

.....WANT TO BE ON OUR MAILING LIST?

.....HAVE YOU MOVED?

.....CHANGED PHONE NUMBER?

.....CHANGED POST OFFICE BOX?

PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY!

NAME.....

OLD ADDRESS.....

NEW ADDRESS.....

PHONE NUMBER.....

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2. MCC of Resurrection.....	Houston, TX	1,348.51
3. MCC Los Angeles.....	Los Angeles, CA	975.21
4. Ch of Ho.Spirit MCC/Ft.Laderdle, FL		905.31
5. MCC Long Beach.....	Long Beach, CA	904.24
6. MCC in Valley	No. Hollywood, CA	755.30
7. MCC San Francisco/San Francisco, CA		624.86
8. MCC of Greater St. Louis...St.L, MO		603.08
9. MCC Washington.....	Washington, DC	592.18
10. Agape MCC of Ft. Worth/Ft.Worth, TX		555.47
11. MCC of Greater Kansas City/ K.C, MO		544.04
12. River City MCC	Sacramento, CA	516.08
13. Christ Chapel MCC ...	Santa Ana, CA	501.10
14. MCC Portland.....	Portland, OR	467.47
15. MCC Albuquerque.....	Albuquerque, NM	399.40
16. Mid Cities MCC	Arlington, TX	380.25
17. Holy Covenant MCC	LaGrange, IL	374.67
18. MCC Detroit	Birmingham, MI	354.75
19. Casa De Cristo Evang... Phoenix, AZ		342.81
20. Christ King MCC ..	Oklahoma City, OK	300.64

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1. MCC Stockton	Stockton, CA	\$ 27.48
2. Diablo Valley MCC.....	Concord, CA	21.02
3. Christ Chapel MCC.....	Santa Ana, CA	19.20
4. MCC of the Desert/Cathedral City, CA		18.97
5. MCC Rockville.....	Rockville, MD	17.29
6. All Saints MCC	Atlanta, GA	17.01
7. MCC Hartford	Hartford, CT	15.71
8. MCC in El Paso	El Paso, TX	15.51
9. Harlem MCC	Harlem, NY	15.49
10. Trinity MCC	New York, NY	15.24
11. MCC of the Redwoods..	San Rafael, CA	15.09
12. Christos MCC	Toronto, ONT ***	15.08
13. MCC San Jose	San Jose, CA	14.24
14. MCC Knoxville	Knoxville, TN	14.18
15. MCC Bakersfield	Bakersfield, CA	13.97
16. MCC Washington	Washington, DC	13.97
17. Whitewater Valley MCC...	Richmond, IN	13.58
18. Covenant MCC	Birmingham, AL	12.75
19. Sweet Spirit MCC	Salem, OR	12.71
20. Maranatha MCC	Colorado Spgs, CO	12.65

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PRaises

Praise God, MCC Santa Barbara has elected Rev. David Paul Benzshawel as their pastor. Our congratulations! Our prayers are with you during this time of Spiritual Revival and new direction.

Also congratulations to Rev. Steve Torrence, the newly elected pastor of MCC Key West, Florida.

District Coordinator, Rev. Jim Dykes from the Australian District will be visiting Singapore in early December. There is some interest in starting a group in Singapore. Praise God for new doors opening!

MCC Vancouver's float (entered in the Gay Pride Parade) won an award in the category for non-commercial entries. Congratulations!

Samaritan's "Orientation to MCC Pastoring" program was a grand success! Praise God!

MCC Adelaide - Congratulations on their continued growth! Our prayers for Harry deJong as he continues his ministry in Adelaide.

MCC Sydney - Recently celebrated their 10th anniversary with the New South Wales Police choir singing at their services. Congratulations!

FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Bylaws will be available by Sept. 1, 1985. The cost is \$1.25. Please write to the Fellowship's Church Service Department to place your order.

A new pricing structure is presently under review for our booklets and pamphlets. This information will be available soon.

Also, there are still (2) aids brochures available as well as the Inclusive Language brochure.

"Aids - A Christian Response from MCC"

"Aids - Is it God's Judgement"

"Inclusive Language - a Policy of UFMCC"

Single copy	- \$.20
25 copies	- 5.00
50 copies	- 7.50
100 copies	- 12.00
500 copies	- 55.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

The General Council will be holding their first official meeting Oct. 22-26. Please uphold them in your prayers during this "initiation period."

MCC Melbourne - Rev. Samuel Kader was recently on national television. As a reaction to their "Coming Out," the Parish Council of the Uniting Churches, requested they no longer include the name "...the Uniting Churches." in any of their advertising. Let's pray for them to be healed of their homophobia.

MCC Brisbane - Prayers for government reactions to the aids crisis. God's blessings and healing for the Brisbane community during this difficult time.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MCC LOS ANGELES

The Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles regretfully announces the resignation of their Senior Pastor, The Reverend Elder Jeri Ann Harvey, who is leaving to answer God's call to evangelize.

All are invited to attend the Seventeenth Anniversary Worship Service and hear Reverend Elder Harvey's Farewell Message on October 6, 1985, 10:45 a.m. at 1050 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA.

All are also welcome to attend our "Family Reunion Spiritual Renewal", especially those who have been part of our church in the past. The schedule is as follows:

Thurs.	Oct. 3	7:30 p.m.	Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, Preaching
Fri.	Oct. 4	7:30 p.m.	Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry, Preaching
Sat.	Oct. 5	7:30 p.m.	"Family Reunion" Dinner, Dance & Show \$12 Donation (Reservations required)
Sun.	Oct. 6	10:45 a.m.	Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey's Farewell Message

For further information and Dinner reservations please call (213) 748-0121.

INSURANCE - IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

All too frequently traditional insurance carriers do not consider alternative lifestyles; named partners regardless of sex, unisex rates, maternity covered as any other condition, mental and emotional health care services from alternative providers, annual GYN exam, two year survivors benefit, or personal health self appraisal to name a few.

The National Organization of Women (NOW) has brought together the right politics, benefits and rate structure along with an insurance program which address many of our concerns. NOW is sponsoring an insurance program called "NOWmed" administered and underwritten by the Consumer United Insurance Company (CUIC). It should be noted that CUIC, based in Washington, D.C., is reported to be the largest worked-owned and managed insurance company in America. This company has demonstrated a 20 year track record in affirmative action.

The NOWmed Insurance Plan* is restricted to active members of NOW, their spouses or adult partners and children under 19 years of age (23 is a full time student).

The design and structure of the plan provides coverage to all persons regardless of age, sex, marital status or sexual preference. This you might note is a first in the insurance industry. The plan also provides for alternate health care services which in many instances are not covered by traditional insurance carrier, i.e., homeopaths, naturopaths, certified nurse midwife, accupuncturists, nutritionists, biofeedback technicians, holistic practitioners, plus speech, respiratory, physical and occupational and therapists.

Two Plans are offered, highlights are as follows:

PLAN I

LIFETIME BENEFIT	\$1,000,000
DEDUCTIBLE/CALENDAR YEAR	\$100 Per/Person Max 3/family
CO-INSURANCE	After deductible 80%; 100 % after \$1000 out of pocket
ANNUAL AUTOMATIC RESTORATION	\$10,000

PLAN II

LIFETIME BENEFIT	\$1,000,000
DEDUCTIBLE/CALENDAR YEAR	\$250 Per/Person Max 3/family
CO-INSURANCE	After deductible 80%; 100% after \$2,000 out of pocket
ANNUAL AUTOMATIC RESTORATION	\$10,000

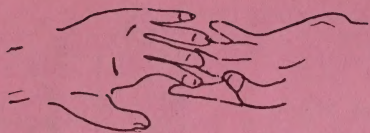
If additional information and/or applications for NOW membership plus insurance forms for NOWmed are wanted please call (213) 464-5100 or write:

Marie Rapley, Assistant Director of
Administration,
UFMCC
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304
Los Angeles, CA 90029

* Plans temporarily not available in Maine and New York.

!!!CORRECTION!!!

The Certification of Clergy Status form recently sent to all clergy should be mailed to Rev. Tom Jordon, c/o MCC of Greater St. Louis, P.O. Box 7226, St. Louis, MO., 63177-7226, and not Rev. Claudia Vierra as noted in the August 1985 issue of K.I.T.



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1.	MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$2,255.75
2.	MCC of the Resurrection....Houston, TX	1,712.34
3.	Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	1,524.71
4.	Church of Holy Spirit..Ft. Lderdale, FL	1,478.24
5.	MCC in the Valley.....No. Hollywood, CA	1,236.22
6.	MCC New York.....New York, NY	1,076.81
7.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1,015.72
8.	Agape MCCFt. Worth, TX	804.49
9.	MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	772.19
10.	Holy Covenant MCC.....LaGrange, IL	463.38
11.	MCC of the Disciples....Washington, DC	460.99
12.	St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	453.19
13.	Good Shepherd Parish MCC...Chicago, IL	438.12
14.	Mid-Cities MCC.....Arlington, VA	398.88
15.	MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA	350.52
16.	MCC Albuquerque.....Albuquerque, NM	347.33
17.	St. John's MCC.....Raleigh, NC	344.40
18.	New Life MCC of Tidewater...Norfolk, VA	312.72
19.	Ch. of Holy Spirit MCC...Des Moines, IA	305.34
20.	MCC Baltimore.....Baltimore, MD	287.97

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1.	Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	\$47.65
2.	MCC Midland/Odessa.....Odessa, TX	16.93
3.	New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove, CA	16.10
4.	MCC of Disciples.....Washington, DC	15.57
5.	MCC in the Valley.....No. Hollywood, CA	14.97
6.	MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	14.41
7.	Redeemer MCC of Flint.....Flint, MI	14.35
8.	MCC Rockville.....Rockville, MD	14.25
9.	MCC in El Paso.....El Paso, TX	14.18
10.	MCC Charlotte.....Charlotte, NC	14.13
11.	MCC Providence.....Providence, RI	13.86
12.	MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA	13.75
13.	MCC of Northern Virginia.....Oakton, VA	13.55
14.	MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	13.54
15.	MCC Salem.....Salem, OR	13.18
16.	MCC Buffalo.....Buffalo, NY	12.82
17.	Church of New Hope MCC....Waterloo, IA	12.80
18.	MCC New York.....New York, NY	12.71
19.	Holy Covenant MCC.....LaGrange, IL	11.76
20.	MCC Topeka.....Topeka, KS	11.26

** There are some churches who could have been listed here as well, however, their Tithes were late

PRAISES!!!

Praise God for a wonderful General Conference XII in Sacramento, California. Special thanks to our Conference Coordinator, Mr. Jim Voltz, to Rev. Elder Freda Smith, Madeline Reed and the wonderful people of River City MCC, our host Church!

Praises for five (5) new Mission congregations (of which, our nomenclature will soon change with the passage of the G.S.S. proposal!) MCC Amarillo, Texas; MCC Shreveport, Louisiana; MCC El Paso, Texas; New Life MCC of Charlotte, N. Carolina and Disciples MCC, Washington, DC.

The Third World people present at General Conference XII elected Rev. Yolanda ("Loni") Allen, Assistant Pastor of MCC in the Valley, as their new Director of Third World Ministries. Congratulations Rev. Allen!

Praise God, The first service of M.C.C. at the California Institute for Women (a state prison) was held July 18, 1985 with 20 women in attendance! Women from MCC Los Angeles and DeColores MCC are cooperating in this effort.

The Samaritan "Orientation to MCC Pastoring" was off to a great two (2) week start with 16 students in attendance - from the U.S., Canada, England, Australia and Mexico!

Congratulations to the new Church Extension Officer of the Hispanic Americas, Dr. Armando Hernandez. Dr. Hernandez is a physician and a member of ICM Mexico City - The new office for Hispanic Ministries is in Mexico City.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Love and prayers are requested for Rev. Alice Jones and her spouse, Wanda. Rev. Jones' mother, Irene Jones died July 17th. Expressions of love and concern may be sent to them c/o MCC Tulsa, P.O. Box 4187, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 73106-2237.

Love and prayers are also requested for Mr. Rudd Canady, whose father died recently. Expressions of love and concern may be sent to Rudd Canady, 439 S. Orange Ave., Orange, NJ, 07079

Prayers for continued progress in the aids crisis. Our government is being pressured to put more money and effort into the process of finding a cure...Thank God!

PRESS RELEASE

Washington, DC -- In a step described by Gay Rights National Lobby as a "major breakthrough" and "critical development," eleven major religious denominations have recently joined in a letter to Members of Congress urging support and co-sponsorship of the national gay and lesbian civil rights bill, H.R. 230.

Among the groups signing the joint letter, which is the first of its kind on the federal bill, are the Church of the Brethren, United Methodist Church, the Lutheran Council in the USA, the Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Unitarian-Universalist Association, American Ethical Union and the National Council of Churches. The joint letter is the first of several steps planned to demonstrate strong religious support for the civil rights bill.

The letter states:

Our religious traditions teach the importance of providing equal justice for all persons... As representatives of religious traditions we recognize a special responsibility to provide moral leadership in improving public understanding of this issue. While some of our traditions oppose the practice of homosexuality, our traditions maintain strong support for the protection of basic civil and human rights of all persons.

The joint letter was coordinated by Ralph Watkins, Legislative Counsel of the Church of the Brethren. Watkins said, "We have been offended that public portrayal of religious perspectives on this issue has focused almost exclusively on negative, anti-gay sentiments.

Nancy Roth said, "The letter, helps us demonstrate broad based religious support".

For more information contact: Nancy Roth, Executive Director, Gay Rights National Lobby, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, D.C. 20013.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORABILIA

Tapes are still available for purchase of any or all the Worship Services at General Conference. The cost for all tapes is still at a very low price of \$50.00 dollars. This includes all the music from the Saturday evening Concert.

Conference T-Shirts, Buttons and other memorabilia are also available for purchase. T-Shirts are reduced to \$5.00 and Buttons are now \$.50.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

"AVAILABLE" LISTS -

The Fellowship currently publishes a list of available clergy, and available churches, which we continuously update, publish, and distribute monthly (and upon request).

If you or your church would like to be placed on the list, or need a copy of either list, just write to us.

In addition, we have recently received requests for "other" available positions in churches: for assistant pastors, associate pastors or staff clergy. If you are looking for such a position, and are a licensed UFMCC Clergy, let us know - Or, if your church is looking for someone to fill such positions, let us know that, too. (Send to "Available Lists," UFMCC).

FROM CLERGY CREDENTIALS AND CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Rev. Claudia Vierra, Chair

The deadline for application to take the proficiency exams in October and November is Sept. 1, 1985.

The Polity Exam will not be offered until the 2nd quarter of 1985-1986.

Clergy, please find enclosed your quarterly status report. Fill them out and send them to: Rev. Claudia Vierra, C.C.C.C., 172 San Carlos Way, Novato, CA, 94947-1662.

The Student Clergy Manual will be available Sept. 1, 1985. The cost will be the same as the Clergy Manual; \$10.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling.

THE UFMCC BY-LAWS

The Fellowship By-Laws will be available shortly. If you would like your copy(s), for promptness, please send your order with an accurate return address and enclose the quantity you wish to order. We will bill you. The cost will be \$ 1.25 each plus shipping charges.

(The By-Laws are presently in English only, we will be getting out the Spanish By-Laws as soon as possible).

NOTICE

The first meeting of the General Council will be Oct. 22 - 26, 1985 in the L.A. area. More information will be forthcoming as plans for the meeting progress.





NETWORK

A monthly newsletter for Elders, District Officers and Fellowship personnel

FROM THE MODERATOR

General Conference XII is now history and what history we made! As Moderator of our denomination, I agree with the 20 or so letters that I've received and the 15 articles that I've read from newsletters from our Churches and our Districts saying that for old-timers and first-timers, it was the best General Conference we ever had. I believe that we made history with the orderly fashion in which we conducted business, as well as completing all of our Government Structures and Systems report which will impact our denomination for decades to come. Everyone is still amazed that we were able to handle the business God has given us to do in such short time, and yet, we were able to.

Who can forget all the wonderful preaching and fantastic services, as well as the entire day that we devoted to our response to the aids crisis in America. Even the individuals that we invited to speak at General Conference had nothing but praise for our denomination and the attendance that we had each day during Conference. We had approximately 800 clergy and delegates officially registered for Conference. Several of our services drew close to 3,000 in attendance, and our Sunday morning service drew more than that...about 3,500!

As Moderator, I look back at it as being one of the three most important Conferences in our history (and I've been to all of them!).

I believe that the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is poised and ready for an explosive growth. I believe with all my heart the next two years are going to see us move to see more Churches established in countries outside the United States than we have ever seen. I believe with all my heart that with the implementation of our General Council that we will see more business taken care of by our denomination to see Church growth again in an unprecedented way. We, of the Board of Elders, look forward to working with the District Coordinators in bringing about the necessary change to make us truly the Church God means us to be.

UFMCC BYLAWS

The UFMCC BYLAWS will be ready by the first of September. Please feel free to begin placing your orders for them now. We anticipate a large flow of orders for the new

Bylaws, therefore, you may want to avoid the rush! We need to encourage our churches to start placing their orders as well.

It is imperative for our pastors and lay leadership to become familiar enough with the new Bylaws, due to the structural change of the Fellowship, in order to make this transition as smooth as possible.

GENERAL CONFERENCE XII MEMORABILIA

The UFMCC Offices still has some T-Shirts and General Conference Buttons available for sale. The reduced rates for T-Shirts is \$5.00, and the Buttons are on sale for \$.50. Since this particular General Conference is possibly the most exciting, from an historical perspective, these bits of memorabilia can be great keepsake items. We are indeed, making history... Other than the historical value, the buttons are beautifully designed, the color is spectacular, and the T-Shirts are great for advertising!!

ELDER'S COMMENTARY

The following is part of the Board of Elders process for making appointments to Commissions, Committees, etc. Many program units now have elective processes that by-pass the Elders appointing process. Other units have appointments on other than biennial basis.

The Board of Elders is accepting resumes for appointments to the following positions. (In order to adequately review potential appointees, we need these resumes and a recommendation from a pastor or district officer by Oct.1, 1985):

1. Chair, Commission on Special Ministries:

Job Description:

Oversees Fellowship Programming in the areas of the needs of disabled persons; oversees Chair of the Task Force on Substance Abuse and the Liaison for Deaf Ministries.

Annual Budget is \$350 for (1986) and \$200 for (1987).

Qualifications:

Member, UFMCC; Experience in the fields included in the ministry described. Program development skills. Ability to communicate with volunteers, long distance.

2. By-Laws Committee Chair and Three Members:

Job Description:

The Chair receives and verifies all requests for By-Laws changes, and with the committee, reviews UFMCC By-Laws grammar and consistency. Prepares report for General Conference on proposed changes, and work with the Clerk of the Board of Elders to make any subsequent revisions and publish the same, including overseeing versions in other languages. Committee members appoint the Chair in this process. Usually the committee meets only through the mail or by phone. There is no budget - minimal administrative costs can be borne by the Fellowship's Administrative budget.

Qualifications:

Time to volunteer - mostly during the 6 months preceeding General Conference. Skills in english grammar, spelling and an interest in the details of By-Laws process and editing. Willingness to communicate by mail and phone.

3. Chair, Task Force on Substance Abuse:

Job Description:

Works under the Commission on Special Ministries - Develop Fellowship-wide programs and resources in the area of substance abuse and recovery. No budget except for minimal administrative assistance, or through the Commission's budget.

Qualifications:

Familiarity with the field; familiarity with a 12 step recovery program; willingness to communicate in writing or by phone, skills in program development.

4. The Elders are calling for a feasibility study for a proposal for a new Commission on Church Music and the Performing Arts which would replace the present Committee on Church Hymnody.

We are open to receiving resumes and ideas for this commission. We hope to have a full proposal completed by February.

5. Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee - alternate positions are open: You must be qualified and Ordained UFMCC Clergy in good standing, and be prepared to serve on the Committee as soon as a position opens.

Job Description: Duties include:

One yearly week-long (minimum) meeting of the CCCC; and chairing (for up to one full week) at least one C.R.C. process for a district to which you have been assigned; other administrative or program duties. This is a major volunteer commitment for a four (4) year period.

DIRECTIONS

by Ravi Verma

We in the UFMCC have often experienced how new percepti give birth to new historic ages. These dramatic revolutions and evolutions of understanding are like great leaps, liberating us from old limits. General conferences have often served as landmarks marking and symbolizing such paradigm shifts in both our collective corporate history and many of our personal journeys.

This last conference has been such an experience for UFMCC and for me.

Many people characterized this conference as the time and place where UFMCC demonstrated that we had "grown up," that we had "matured." Some key areas that represented this were - the passing of the G.S.S. report, the overall atmosphere and process of the business meetings, the "new" program and budget process and the smooth organization for the whole conference.

Growing up for us has meant, moving from a "survival and competitive" mode to one more characterized by an evolving - growing organization marked by hopes of cooperation. This is all the more remarkable as we face the reality of the aids crisis in our communities and determine our corporate and individual response to it. The breath of the Holy Spirit was blowing through us in a mighty way enable us to make this leap!

We have all been preparing for this leap for quite some time. For me, personally, it started in a new way a little over two years ago when I assumed the responsibilities as the Director of Administration for UFMCC. I first walked into the Offices 10 days before the General Conference in Toronto. The entire staff was new, there had been 3 or 4 conference coordinators, the pace of work was relentless, the organization minimal and morale was low. At the conference itself, I was the "new kid on the block," on display and from whom a lot was expected.

In the last two years we have worked steadily at changing all that, and my experience at planning and organizing this General Conference was very different. The pace was yet relentless and the staff did excellent work. I remember all of us stuffing envelopes with the Pre-Conference reports and Elder Nancy Wilson and Rev. Ro Halford leading us in hymns. At Sacramento, I had the privilege of meeting people from all over and hearing perspectives about the administration of our Fellowship. I was very pleased with all the positive feedback. I was amazed at how our work had reached out to so many and in such varied ways!

The next few years will be very challenging. Sorting out the roles and functions for Elders, General Council and myself. The programmers have and will be more active than ever before. It will be exciting to see how our districts

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep Rev. Alice Jones and her lover Wanda in your prayers: Alice's mother, Irene Jones, died in mid - July.

evolve, organize and grow. Our aids ministry will have a major impact for us. We will be continually challenged to keep in focus our primary purpose to THE CHURCH for all people! We are on the move to become a TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY CHURCH!!!

PROGRAM FOCUS

The Commission on Government Structure and Systems completes its work and takes a rest!

General Conference XII saw the passage of the GSS proposal that made major changes in our polity and structure, especially with Articles V and VI of the UFMCC By Laws.

A summary of the changes and implementation issues are as follows:

ARTICLE V: Government Organization and Officers

a. Government is to go into effect Jan. 1, 1986, which means the interaction of the General Council and the beginnings of new lines of definitions for the Board of Elders and the Council. Although Jan. 1 is the beginning, the General Council will actually have its first organizing meeting Oct. 22-26, 1985 in Los Angeles. The Board of Elders will have a one-day meeting (Oct. 22), and then meet with the District Coordinators to form the new Council Oct. 23rd.

A Sub-committee of Elders Perry and Wilson and District Coordinators Judy Dahl and Clark Friesen has been formed to outline the details for implementation of this first and historic meeting.

One of the major shifts that happened in conjunction with GSS was that the Finance Committee essentially asked the Conference to eliminate its present budget process, and to substitute a new process that gives the General Council oversight over the program and budget implementation and preparation process from now on. The process is detailed in the Reports and Directives of conference (to be published during Sept.'85), and will include the leaders of Fellowship programs in the process. That shift will probably have the greatest impact on the agenda and the structure of the General Council.

With a governing body in a Fellowship Board that will almost three (3) times the size of the Board of Elders alone, the possibilities for permanent and ad hoc sub-committees, for new resources and talents is greatly enhanced. All the members of the General Council are excited (and a little in awe) by the possibilities for growth and development this new partnership promises.

LOCAL COMMISSIONED AND CHARTERED CHURCHES

1. The Districts will begin dealing with developing District procedures for determining the status of congregations based on this new system. "Missions" and "Study Groups" will gradually become either Commissioned, Chartered, or revert to "New Work" status. However, for the next 2 years, there will be a lot of overlapping, as each District does it their own way, and we're likely to have New Work, Study Groups, Missions, Commissioned and Chartered Churches during 1986 especially... This will be especially amusing for whomever is making Fellowship Directory changes... All status changes must be completed by June 1, 1987, 6 weeks before General Conference XIII in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

2. Districts - District Committees are being established at the next District Conference - This replaces the Board of Home Missions as far as a designated District Body. However, some Districts are considering retaining a Board of Home Missions as well. Each District will be developing its own S.O.P.'s, and electing people to newly defined offices. All District level changes must also be completed by June 1, 1987.

3. Another major change at this General Conference was in Tithing - The Fellowship retains the 10% Tithes, and District Tithes were raised from 2% to 5%. For some District this will mean enormous change in revenue, for others, who have voluntarily been tithing that much for years, it will simply guarantee that Tithe.

Praise God, and keep our new General Council, and all Districts in your prayers!

S.L.A.C.C.C. SPECIAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:

(Rev. Ro Halford is employed at the UFMCC Headquarters and requested permission to include this special notice in NETWORK for your information).

Nancy Radclyffe, Senior Chaplain for the Spiritual Life and Clergy Care Center, has been doing a wonderful job of giving spiritual guidance and comfort to clergy and spouses, alike. She has dedicated her life's work and ministry to this cause. Not only is she enabling clergy to process through their all-too-frequent "burn-out," but, she is right in the midst of the aids crisis - (with both feet, I might add).

I am one among many who desire somehow to enable the SLACCC ministry to continue, and to receive full financial support from within the Fellowship. Nancy is not receiving a salary. Rather, she is dependent upon donations and a spouse for her sole support.

The ministry of which I write has been tried and tested to the fullest by this Fellowship, and we have witnessed a ministry that is both viable and essential!

Praises alone cannot sustain Nancy and her work. Financial support is needed to provide her with her basic needs!

There are some Districts who are already giving financial support of this ministry; there are some who are giving none. I beseech you to prayerfully consider the importance of Nancy's ministry, and go to your next District Conference with a substantial budget proposal for SLACCC.

Thank you for taking the time to ensure this ministry be kept up. In our efforts to up-grade pastors' salaries, let us not forget - Nancy is a Pastor to ALL the clergy!

IN AND AROUND

Enclosed is a Newsletter from "Pro-Peace," an L.A. based operation that is planning a "Great Peace March" of 5,000 persons across the U.S. to witness for multi lateral nuclear weapons freeze (which the Fellowship is on record supporting since 1983). Please share this newsletter with your churches, and connect with local ecumenical groups who are also getting involved! An international contingent where openly gay and lesbian people will be represented.

AIDS UPDATE

The Elders made a major proposal for aids ministry at General Conference. Presently, we are distributing our new aids brochures, and working on a planning meeting to design a program for approval by the General Council in Oct. '85.

Meanwhile, Rev. Ed Helms of Disciples MCC, Washington, DC and Rev. Karen Ziegler with MCC New York will be representing the UFMCC at the Sept. meeting (in New York) of the Non-governmental Organization meeting of the United Nations. We are in the process of exploring associate status with the U.N. (which many churches have), and will be talking with World Health Organization officials, and with representatives of the Church World Service program of the National Council of Churches (which is also a U.N. associate).

DIGNITY

Dignity International is holding their annual convention in New York Aug. 22-25, 1985. Rev. Jim Mitulski (MCC New York) will represent the Fellowship at their convention.

Dignity and MCC will soon begin to plan our "Day of Celebration" that will occur in conjunction with both our conventions in July 1987.

THIRD WORLD MINISTRIES

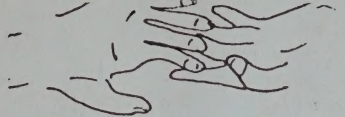
Congratulations to Yolanda S. Allen who was elected Director of Third World Ministries for the 1985-1987 biennium. Rev. Allen is the Assistant Pastor of MCC in the Valley and can be reached at MCC in the Valley, 5730 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601-2105, (818) 762-1133.

DISTRICTS

We need District news, ideas, etc. for Network - perhaps someone from your district can be responsible for forwarding news and ideas to us for inclusion. Thanks. NETWORK: c/o UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.



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Keeping in Touch

5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 304, Los Angeles, CA 90020-9990 (213) 464-5100

APRIL 1985
TOP 20 TITHESReceived by May 15, 1985
(In Amount Given)

1.	MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$2282.17
2.	MCC of the Resurrection...Houston, TX	1894.08
3.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1261.92
4.	MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA	1055.14
5.	MCC in the Valley.. No. Hollywood, CA	1014.55
6.	Church of the H.Spirit.Ft.Lderdle, FL	977.42
7.	MCC New York..... NY	818.24
8.	MCC of Greater St. Louis..... MO	670.73
9.	Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	659.53
10.	MCC Washington..... DC	625.86
11.	MCC of Greater Kansas City..... MO	591.12
12.	MCC Toronto..... ONT	570.57
13.	MCC San Francisco..... CA	544.89
14.	MCC Vancouver..... B.C.	521.86
15.	River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	499.58
16.	Agape MCC of Ft. Worth..... TX	484.35
17.	MCC Portland. OR	470.35
18.	MCC San Antonio..... TX	398.45
19.	Holy Covenant MCC.....LaGrange, IL	380.16
20.	MCC Tulsa..... OK	377.98

Canadian Exchange to U.S.

APRIL 1985
Top 20 TithesReceived by May 15th
(Per Capita)

1.	MCC Ventura.....Ventura, CA	\$ 48.54
2.	MCC Vancouver.....B.C.	24.16
3.	Diablo Valley MCC.....Concord, CA	19.50
4.	MCC of the Redwoods.....San Rafael, CA	17.50
5.	Harlem MCC.....New York, NY	17.48
6.	Morning Star MCC.....Hudson, MA	16.53
7.	Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	15.04
8.	MCC NOVA.....Oakton, VA	14.46
9.	New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove, CA	14.07
10.	MCC of the Spirit.....Harrisburg, PA	12.98
11.	Calvary MCC.....Redwood City, CA	12.95
12.	New Life MCC.....Oakland, CA	12.92
13.	MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	12.89
14.	MCC Charlotte.....Charlotte, NC	12.78
15.	Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	12.56
16.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	12.53
17.	ICM Queens.....New York, NY	12.42
18.	MCC in the Valley...No. Hollywood, CA	12.30
19.	MCC Salem.....Salem, OR	12.19
20.	MCC Midland/Odessa.....Midland, TX	11.71

Canadian Exchange to U.S.

PRAISES



The premier showing of "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is Our Story" was shown in L.A., May 9th, at a dinner honoring Edith "Mom" Perry. The dinner raised over \$15,000.00 toward the airing of the TV special.

The second showing of "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is Our Story," was shown in Dallas, Texas. There were over 180 people present and we raised over \$13,000.00 toward the airing of the special. Three churches were involved in the organization and planning of this special event, they were:

Agape MCC
Mid-Cities MCC
Dallas MCC

Praise God for all their wonderful efforts and a very successful event.

On August 3, 1985, Roman Catholic Bishop Kenneth D. Steiner, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, will celebrate Mass, a mass for healing aids patients, with Dignity International, Portland Chapter. Praise God!

(notice provided by Marguerite Scroggie, MCC Portland)

"I noted on the back cover of our JOURNEY that your General Conference will take place in Sacramento in June/July. Although well in advance, may I send you the very sincerest and most loving wishes of our movement for its success and divine guidance. With love and best wishes, Michael Johnson, the Gay Christian Movement, London."

Praise God! MCC Spokane in Washington finally closed on their new building!!!

As you know, each morning at 9:00 a.m., the Fellowship Staff joins together for Prayer and Praises. As we gather together in oneness and lift up our petitions and praises before God, we experience a sense of the Fellowship people everywhere sharing that special time with us. It is a warm and wonderful feeling, knowing that as we pray - you are all praying with us. We are all blessed by your spirit. Praise God!

Praise God for the spirit felt everywhere during this time of District Conferences throughout the world. Our prayers and praises for productive and prosperous District Conferences. Good luck to all those Student Clergy taking tests and meeting with their C.R.C's. God Bless you each and everyone.

Thank you all for your prayer support for "Mom" Perry who was taken to the hospital for a possible stroke. The doctor's found no blood clots or any damage. Other than experiencing some numbness - she is recovering well, and doing a lot better. Thank God.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayers for Spirit-filled District Conferences.

Continued prayers of healing for Grant Ford - who recently underwent back surgery. Grant is doing much better these days and thanks you all for your prayers and support.

Special prayers for all our Fellowship Lay and Clergy Leadership as they prepare for General Conference XII.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies to Mid-Cities MCC in Arlington, Texas. They should have been on the "Top 20's List" for the May Keeping in Touch for March Tithes. Thanks to Clarke Friesen for bringing this to our attention.

The preConference Packets have been prepared and mailed to all Churches, Clergy and Conference Registrants..

Mr. Richard Sallade, of MCC of the Holy Spirit, P.O. Box 3083, Des Moines, Iowa, 50316-0083, is beginning work on a format for a couples support group. write to him if you would like copies of his materials. Also, he is seeking additional materials to use - if you have anything to offer please write to him c/o the above address.

NEW ADDRESS: Rev. Claudia Vierra - Chair, C.C.C.C
172 San Carlos Way
Novato, CA 94947

Claudia is the newly elected pastor of MCC of the Redwoods. Congratulations and Best Wishes for your journey.

Congratulations and our Best Wishes to the following newly elected pastors:

Rev. Bruce Brown - MCC Springfield Family, MO

Rev. Joseph Fischer - MCC Syracuse, NY - and,

Rev. Gayle Van Buren - MCC in Northern Virginia.

* If we have overlooked anyone, or you have similar information to share - please contact the Fellowship Offices so we can pass on the good news.

We are saddened by the recent loss of Mr. Gary Norton, who died of aids. Gary has been a real pioneer in beginning new groups in the Mid-Atlantic District, as well as his visibility in the greater community and stance on Gay/Lesbian Rights. Our continued prayers for his family and friends.

SAMARITAN COLLEGE

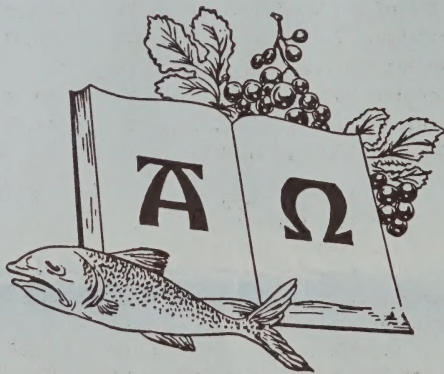
The plans for the "Orientation to MCC Pastoring" program are on schedule for the Los Angeles six-week program. The two-week segments in Seattle and New York were cancelled due to lack of registrations. The six-week program will run from July 9 - August 18, 1985. We ask you to keep this in your prayers!

On May 31, 1985 Samaritan College is holding its 1985 Commencement ceremonies at MCC of the Pomona Valley at 7:30 p.m. The following students will have earned their Bachelors in Theology:

Rev. Yolanda Sherese Allen
Ms. Susan W. Deitrick
Ms. Barbara Sagat
Ms. Marcie Naomi Wexler

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson will receive her Honorary Doctorate of Ministries Degree for her years of dedication and service to UFMCC. All are invited to attend this celebration. We ask your prayers for this special celebration and the continuing ministries of our graduates!

The class schedule for the first Semester of 1985-86 is being distributed this month to the churches. This semester features special weekend seminars which focus on various aspects of lay ministries. We encourage all who can, to participate in these classes.



IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT!!!!

Remember to send in your registration for General Conference. Pre-registration must be in the Fellowship Office by Friday, June 21st at the latest! You can also register on site in Sacramento starting Sunday, June 30th.

Also, send in your room registrations directly to Jackson at the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau - 1311 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2965. We have committed to using their services and to fill a minimum number of rooms in order not to pay a fee for use of the Convention facilities. Please help us in this endeavor - your cooperation is most appreciated.

N.C.C. - UPDATE

The Governing Board meeting of the National Council of Churches of Christ, USA, met in Chicago, May 15-17 in first meeting of the new triennium. The new General Secretary, Arie Bouwer, gave a moving opening speech entitled, "For the Healing of the Council," during which he "confessed" the difficulties the council has had, and pledged himself to lead the council in its renewal of its faith and witness in the world. In particular, the General Secretary renewed the commitment of the Council to minister to those, all over the world, who are suffering.

Rev. Nancy Wilson and Ms. Sandi Robinson, Co-Chairs of the Department of Ecumenical Relations, met with members of the NCC Governing Board to begin planning for three dialogues that will take place with Governing Board members over the next two years. These dialogues will last for 1½ days each, and will include sharing and discussions on human sexuality, Biblical Interpretation and Church Unity and Ministry.

In addition, MCC people present at the meeting spoke with denomination, Governing Board members and staff of the Council about the aids crisis, and how we can work together in ministry during this crisis.

GENERAL CONFERENCE XII - UPDATE

General Conference XII continues to gain momentum with over 600 persons registered as of May 15th. Remember to get your event passes early so you don't miss the Opening Reception with Romanovsky and Phillips our featured entertainers - they have received "rave" reviews.

As a reminder: Opening Reception = \$6.50
Breakfast Reception = \$8.50
Evening Reception = \$6.50
OR
ALL Events = \$20.00

Our very special event on Monday will be the showing of "OUR" film, "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is Our Story." You will find it a truly moving experience. Copies of the "Our film" on video-tape will be available to purchase at Conference. See you in Sacramento June 30 - July 7 - "FREE TO BE."

Remember Thursday, July 4, 1985 there will be a full day at General Conference devoted to the aids crisis. In the morning we will have special speakers - in the afternoon there will be workshops offered. Plan to attend, this will be one of the most up-to-date and informative meetings on the issue of aids.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

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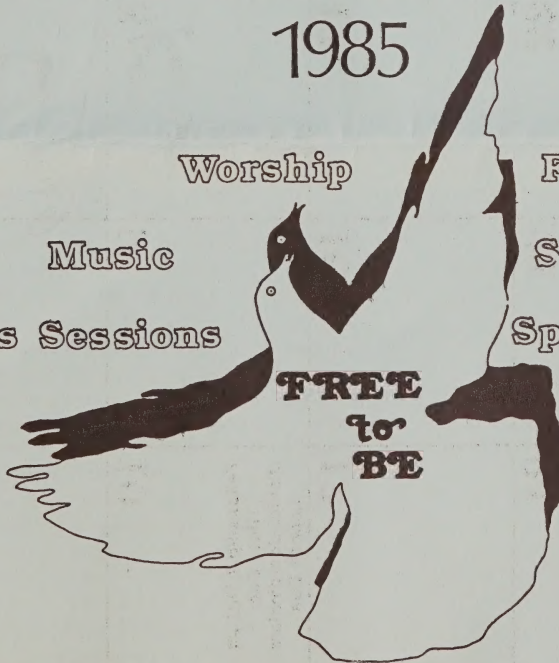
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Seminars

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Special Programs

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Holiday (Republic of Ireland)	13	14	15	16	17 Fellowship & District Tithes Due District Coordinators Reports Due
18 MCC Zaire, Nigeria Chartered in 1976	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Samaritan Six Week "Orientation to MCC Pastoring" Ends in Los Angeles, CA	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Late Summer Holiday (U.K. not Scotland)					← District de l'est du Canada Conference, → London, Ontario



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MAY 1985

MARCH

Top 20 TITHES

Received by April 15th
(In Amount Given)

1. MCC Dallas -----	Dallas	TX	\$2826.31
2. MCC of the Resurrection ----	Houston	TX	2164.02
3. MCC Long Beach -----	CA		1367.20
4. MCC Los Angeles -----	CA		1235.30
5. MCC in the Valley ----	No. Hollywood	CA	1212.67
6. Christ Chapel MCC -----	Santa Ana	CA	1157.62
7. MCC of Greater St. Louis -----	MO		948.90
8. Agape MCC of Ft. Worth -----	TX		751.41
9. MCC of Greater Kansas City -----	MO		737.70
10. MCC San Antonio -----	TX		719.90
11. MCC New York -----	NY		658.08
12. Joy MCC -----	Orlando	FL	558.97
13. Ch. of the H.Spirit MCC -	Des Moines	IA	548.63
14. Holy Covenant MCC -----	La Grange	IL	491.03
15. MCC of the Disciples -----	Washington	DC	476.35
16. Casa de Cristo MCC -----	Phoenix	AZ	463.55
17. MCC Detroit -----	MI		460.08
18. Christ the King MCC --	Oklahoma City	OK	452.65
19. MCC San Jose -----	CA		432.74
20. MCC Albuquerque -----	NM		373.55

MARCH

TOP 20 PER CAPITA

(Received by April 15th)

1. New Covenant MCC -----	Garden Grove	CA	\$ 25.54
2. Christ Chapel MCC -----	Santa Ana	CA	22.61
3. Harlem MCC -----	New York	NY	18.57
4. Diablo Valley MCC -----	Concord	CA	18.45
5. MCC Apostles of God --	Huachuca City	AZ	16.30
6. Good News MCC -----	Lakeland	FL	15.48
7. MCC San Antonio -----	TX		15.16
8. Christ the Liberator MCC -	Princeton	NJ	14.57
9. MCC of Greater Rochester -----	NY		14.22
10. MCC of the Redwoods ----	San Rafael	CA	13.85
11. MCC Long Beach -----	CA		13.67
12. MCC San Jose -----	CA		13.57
13. Calvary MCC -----	Redwood City	CA	13.55
14. MCC Philadelphia -----	PA		13.39
15. MCC of the Disciples ----	Washington	DC	13.22
16. MCC of Greater St. Louis -----	MO		12.82
17. MCC Charlotte -----	NC		12.73
18. MCC in the Valley ----	No. Hollywood	CA	12.62
19. Trinity MCC -----	New York	NY	12.13
20. MCC Los Angeles -----	CA		11.96

PRAISES!!!

May will be the month for Premiere showings across the US of the TV special "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is our story." The guest of honor at our first dinner will be Mrs. Edith Perry, Troy's mother, and the theme of the evening will be "Our Mom Too!" Congratulations Mom Perry!!

Rev. David Farrell has announced that his church will be being filmed by Post Newsweek Network for a special feature concerning MCC San Diego and its struggles with a right wing group who has picketed their church over the last year. April 28th they are having a special "Freedom Day" celebration at 2:00 PM at MCC San Diego.

Adam DeBaugh was recently elected by the board of Directors of the Gay Rights National Lobby to serve on the "Executive Committee" of the GRNL. Congratulations Adam.

Trinity MCC praises God for a joyful and blessed Christmas. As part of its outreach to the community, Trinity MCC shared a part of its annual Christmas offering with the Gay Switchboard of New York and with the Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York in memory of Jesus Maisonet, our friend and long-time member of ICM-Hispana. To God be the glory!

We pray that everyone is well and ask the prayers of everyone in the Fellowship Offices for those afflicted with aids. It seems that in New York City we are averaging an astounding rate of cases. Trinity averages hearing about someone we know at a rate of two per week. We must answer God's call to minister and we must continue to faithfully pray for a cure. Our best wishes to all. (Acts 4:12)

** note: Our apologies for not having previously printed this information. Thanks for sharing it with us!!

Congratulations to Rev. Ron Bergeron, District Coordinator of the Eastern Canadian District, and Mr. Carol Richer for their Holy Union to be celebrated May 11, 1985.

HELP WANTED!!! PRAISES ARE DESPERATELY SOUGHT BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF ELDERS. I just know there are dozens of as yet unpublished praises that you would like to share with us -- BE CREATIVE!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All God's Children MCC in Minneapolis, MN, is seeking a woman assistant pastor. We offer a housing allowance and access to United Theological Seminary. Ideal for a woman working on an M.Div. degree. Student clergy candidates welcome. Contact the Rev. Roy Birchard, pastor.

Beginning on 4 April 1985, the four metro-Chicago MCCs -- Christ the Redeemer MCC/Evanston, Church of the Resurrection MCC/Hyde Park, Good Shepherd Parish MCC/NewTown and Holy Covenant MCC/Hinsdale -- will be kicking off a new 24-hour "InfoLine" cooperatively staffed by volunteers from all four congregations. The new phone number for all the churches will be 327-5168.

By calling 327-5168 one will always get an MCCer who has information on all four congregations in the Chicago area especially times and locations for worship services, social events and educational programs.

This effort is also a landmark event for our Fellowship being the first time neighboring congregations have come together in a cooperative, long-term effort such as the new InfoLine.

A Mass for aids will be held Sunday, May 5th at 4:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of St. Augustine By the Sea in Santa Monica. In attendance will be many well-known personalities including the new Mayor of West Hollywood - Valerie Terrigno, Rev. Nancy Radclyffe, Rev. Malcom Boyd, Rabbi Janet Marder and Rev. Steve Pieters, just to name a few. The Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will also be participating in worship with Mass in B flat by Antonio Lotti. This is a very special time for each of us to celebrate the commitment to ourselves and to each other, to our community, and to our living God--all at a time of division, fear and uncertainty. If you cannot attend, please be in prayer with all of us on that special day, for all those afflicted with aids and their loved ones.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Grant Ford, District Coordinator of the Great Lakes District has had back surgery, and will be in a long recuperation period. Please keep Grant in your prayers, cards and letters may be sent to Holy Covenant MCC, P.O. Box 641 La Grange, ILL 60525.

Our Love and Sympathy are expressed to Rev. Jim Glycer, lover of Albert Williams who died April 2, 1983 after a prolonged illness. Expressions of love and support may be sent to Jim c/o MCC Portland, 1644 NE 24th Street, Portland, OR 97232.

Our love and prayers also are extended to the friends and family of Mr. Merwyn Price, who died April 9, 1985. Mr. Price was a member of MCC Dallas and a long-time friend of Rev. Elder Don Eastman.

BOARD OF ELDERS

PASTORAL DIRECTIVE

The Board of Elders passed a pastoral directive concerning our views of adults having sex with children. It is as follows:

While the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches strongly endorses the concept that control over our own bodies is a God-given right as well as a major issue in the foundation of our Fellowship; we equally recognize that our relationships with others must be based on mutual, informed consent.

In light of this position the Board of Elders issues the following Pastoral Directive to all our member Churches:

All coercive sexual activity with persons who are helpless in the situation by virtue of age, abilities, dependency, or any other circumstances, cannot be approved or condoned.

Further, sexual activity between adults and children can never be condoned by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches under any circumstances. Such activity is always inherently coercive even when it appears on the surface to be voluntary and a product of mutual consent. The disenfranchisement and the dependency of children in all cultures in the world underscores the reality that adults hold both overt and covert power over children to the degree that informed consent is not possible.



UFMCC MAILING LIST

Did you know that the General Offices of the Fellowship has a 3,000 plus name mailing list? Would you like to be on this mailing list? If so, please send us your name and address. While you're at it, why not send us the names of friends who might also like to receive mail direct from us. Please send the information to: UFMCC Mailing List

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GENERAL CONFERENCE XII - UPDATE

Pack your bags and plan to join us in Sacramento starting June 30 for Conference XII. The excitement continues to grow as the time for Conference draws nearer. Registrations by the hundreds are pouring into the Fellowship Offices and Pre-Conference packets will be mailed to all registrants around May 15th.

The music promises to be absolutely terrific as we at the Fellowship learn more and more about the plans of Rev. Danny Ray. Rev. Ray was in Los Angeles recently on his way to Sacramento where he was making final arrangements for sound systems and instruments.

The Conference opens on Sunday night after worship service with an informal reception with plenty of food, a cash bar (with one complimentary drink) and some great entertainment by Romanovsky and Phillips, along with Judy Fiel. Just a reminder; you must purchase an event pass to attend either or all of the 3 planned receptions. Those are the Opening Reception, Human Rights Breakfast and the Joe Gilbert Reception. Passes must be purchased 48 hours before a reception to allow for proper catering so don't wait until the last minute because you'll miss out and there can be no exceptions on the time limit. So, if you want to attend the Opening Reception you must purchase a pass before you go to Conference, and the Human Rights Breakfast pass must be purchased by 5p.m. Sunday, June 30th. All mail in orders must reach the Fellowship Offices by Friday, June 21st and on site purchases can be done on Saturday and Sunday June 29th and 30th from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. for the Breakfast.

Conference packets can be picked up at the registration area of the Convention Center starting on Saturday, June 29th, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, June 30th, from 2 p.m. thru 7:30 p.m. Conference on site registration can be done at the same times during the weekend and daily starting on Monday, July 1st, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Monday, July 1st, everyone will want to attend the showing of "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is Our Story" and hear the official Conference Opening remarks of the Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry.

The excitement continues all week with business, programs, workshops, seminars and forums. The Ordination Service and Reception on Saturday July 6th which is so far being sponsored by the Fellowship, MCC Long Beach, Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Christ the King MCC, MCC Ottawa and MCC of Greater Kansas City. We are looking for more sponsors for this reception to honor our newly ordained brothers and sisters. Please contact the Fellowship Offices if you wish your name added to our Sponsor List.

Don't put it off any longer, send in your Registration, and join us for Conference '85 "FREE TO BE."

NEW PAMPHLET aids: A Christian Response from Metropolitan Community Church

This new pamphlet from UFMCC was written by the Reverend Stephen A. Pieters and reflects his own experience as a person with aids.

The Rev. Pieters has served UFMCC congregations in Chicago, Hartford and North Hollywood. It is excellent resource material dealing with questions about "Where is God in the aids crisis? What can the local church do?" etc., A sample copy is enclosed.

Additional copies can be ordered through the UFMCC Department of Church Services at the following cost:
(Note: prices do not include postage)

Single Copy	\$0.20
25 Copies	\$5.00
50 Copies	\$7.50
100 Copies	\$12.00
500 Copies	\$55.00



FREE TO LEARN!

Please remember to set aside one Sunday in the month of May as Samaritan Sunday. The special collections that day will be used to carry on the work of education in our Fellowship. It is through your collections that SAMARITAN COLLEGE and SAMARITAN EXTENDED STUDIES and EXCEL can help every member of our Fellowship around the world to be FREE TO LEARN! Throughout this month, please remember the educational ministries of UFMCC in your prayers as well as in your offerings. Without SAMARITAN, we would be a lot less free to follow the loving call of our Christ. Direct inquiries and offerings to: Samaritan, 3327 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New Address: Rev. Claudia Vierra,
Chair, C.C.C.C.
P.O. Box 2662
San Rafael, CA 94912

New Phone: (Message - Temp.)
415/ 459-0750
(Emergency - Temp.)
415/ 383-6041

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Samaritan Sunday (May be celebrated any Sunday in May)	May Day Holiday (U.K.)				Fellowship and District Tithes Due <i>District Coordinators Reports Due</i> Samaritan College: End of Spring Term ← Northwest District Women's Retreat, Gualala, CA →	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
N.W. Women's Retreat Mother's Day					North Sea District Conference ← Western Canadian Dis- trict de l'est du Canada Conference, Quebec → ← Northeast District Conference, New Haven, CT → ← Mid Atlantic District Conference, Norfolk, VA →	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
← trict Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba → ← Eastern Canadian District Conference, Quebec → NE Dist Conf, New Haven →				Ascension Thursday		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
← S.W. Dist. Conf. LB → Great Lakes Dist. Conf. → ← N.W. Dist. Conf., WA → Pencost Sunday	Victoria Day (Canada)				← South West District Conference, Long Beach, CA → ← Great Lakes District Conference, Detroit, MI → ← Northwest District Conference, Spokane, WA →	CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB CRIBE JOURNEY SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB



JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Trinity Sunday	Holiday (Republic of Ireland)	Orientation to MCC Pastoring: Counseling/Christian Education, MCC Seattle, Washington			← Northwest District Men's Retreat & Gathering, Ore.	
9	10 Fellowship & District Tithes Due District Coordinators Reports Due	11	12	13	14	15
N.W. Men's Gathering →	←	Orientation to MCC Pastoring: Worship/Preaching, MCC New York	←	Orientation to MCC Pastoring: Counseling/Christian Education, MCC Seattle, Washington	Flag Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 ← Clergy Credentials
Orientation, Seattle → Father's Day		Orientation to MCC Pastoring: Worship/Preaching, MCC New York				
23 Orientation, New York →	24	25	26	27	28	29
Fellowship Memorial Sunday 30 F.F.O. →		Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee, Sacramento, CA		Faith, Fellowship and Order Working Session, Sacramento, CA Government Structures and Systems, Sacramento Third World Ministers Meeting Hispanic Americas District Conference		
	St. Jean Baptiste					



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Quarterly Pension Assessment Due To: Board of Pensions P.O. Box 9170 Anaheim, CA 92802	2	3	4	5	6 Eleventh Anniversary of MCC in Australia
	Canada Day		General Conference XII: "Free To Be", Sacramento, CA, U.S.A.			
7 Gen. Conf. XII Sacramento	8	9 Samaritan Six Week Program "Orientation to MCC Pastoring" Begins in Los Angeles, California	10 Fellowship & District Tithes Due District Coordinators Reports Due	11 Anniversary of Founding MCC Sydney, Australia	12 Independence Day	13
14	15	16 Quarterly Financial Report Due	17 First Church Started in Toronto, Canada 1973	18	19 Holiday (N. Ireland)	20 ← Alaska State Retreat
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Rev. Elder Doctor Troy Perry's Birthday
Alaska State Retreat →	29	30	31			
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